

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McCutchen S32406

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State of Alabama, Jackson County

On this Twenty second day of February 1833 personally appeared before me James P. Postan an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County John McCutchen aged about Seventy seven years who being too infirm to appear in Open Court and after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following officers & served as herein stated.

I entered the Continental service in the Third Regiment commanded by Col. William Thompson [sic, William Thomson] and in the company of Captain John Colwell [sic, John Caldwell] was enlisted by Lieutenant Colwell near Ninety Six some time in the last of March or first of April 1776 the precise day not recollected was marched to Nelson's Ferry on Santee River where we joined Colonel Thomson at his then head Quarters. Colonel Thomson's Regiment was ordered to Charleston and remained in Charleston until the arrival of General Lee [Charles Lee]. Shortly after which we were crossed over to Sullivan's Island and made a part of Colonel Moultrie's [William Moultrie's] force being stationed on a point where the British were expected to approach the shore with their land forces to assail the Fort I continued on the Island under the immediate command of Colonel Thomson five or six weeks was taken sick and sent to a hospital in Charleston Dr. Oliver chief surgeon I was in the hospital about three weeks when I was sent for by Colonel Thomson & was carried in a wagon to Camden Eli Kershaw & John Danalson [sic, John Donaldson?] in company both captains in the Continental Service, he lay sick in Camden in Ward tucker's [?]¹ house near eight weeks and was attended in the course of that time by two Doctors I think the one was named Oglethorpe the other Charlton [sic, Thomas Charlton] who was also a Lieutenant in the Army I was taken from Camden about one mile to a certain widow Dennis's where I was attended by her about five weeks more – when a horse was procured for me and I was permitted to go up the Country to recover my health the officer who sent me was Captain Walley [sic] when I had somewhat recovered my health I returned to Nelson's Ferry and was transferred to Captain Felix Wally's [sic, Felix Warley's] company and remained in his company until discharged by him. I cannot recollect the time I believe in the

John McCutchen

latter part of the year 1777 the discharge has been lost long since I think it was lost out of a baggage [illegible word, could be "cart"²] I then retired to the up country Seneca [Seneca] River where I enlisted under Captain Benjamin Tutt, Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] Regiment and was employed in building Fort Rutledge, was ordered to Savannah joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] between Charleston & Savannah and was at Savannah³ during the Siege by General Lincoln & the Count De Estaing [sic, D'Estaing] I was orderly Sergeant both in Captain Warley's Company & Captain Tutt's & Caldwell's & Cook's. Captain Tutt was not at the Siege of Savannah was marched back to Seneca attached to Captain Moore's Company I was then marched to Augusta under Col. Williamson thence to the Beaver dams Georgia, was joined by Colonel Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and proceeded to the Coweta Towns and we went lower down with the intention of destroying Cameron [Alexander Cameron] and his followers, we did not succeed but made prisoners of some of his Scouts after much marching returned to Seneca and was there taken prisoners by Colonel Brown [Thomas "Burnt Foot" Brown] the Fort being betrayed as was supposed by Williamson, Tutt & others, was taken to Ninety Six, and from there to Camden where Lord Cornwallis commanded and was a prisoner there when General Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated⁴ I was then taken to the Waxhaw Settlement where the British had some skirmishing with the Americans, was then taken to Charlotte Mecklenburg County North Carolina I there took the small Pox and about the same time Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] was defeated at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] the party who had me in charge retreated towards Winnsborough and left me in an out house some humane persons administered to my relief among whom were General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and Captain Taylor in about three weeks after I had been left by the British learning that Cornwallis was expected to come that way I took my departure and in three days reached Colonel Hill's [William Hill's] Iron Works I think the distance to be about fifteen miles Mrs. Hill had me taken care of about one week when I got a horse and proceeded to Sumter's Camp at the Fishdam Ford on Broad River I reached the Camp about the middle of the afternoon and that same night Sumter was attacked & defeated [Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780].⁵ I next got to General Casey's⁶ Camp and joined Colonel Farr [William Farr] and under his command joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] then lying before Ninety Six.⁷ I went with Colonel Farr who was detached by General Greene to scout against the enemy when we returned General Greene had broken off the Siege and had retired, we then made for the Island Ford of Saluda [River] but did not overtake General Greene we then proceeded towards North Carolina. I retired to my friends in North Carolina and was in the Service no more. I have never received a pension in any way nor is my name is enrolled in any State for a pension I have since lived in South Carolina upwards of 20 years some years in East Tennessee and about 23 years in what is now Alabama.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of February 1833.

S/ James P. Pastan, Justice of the Peace

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³ Battle of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

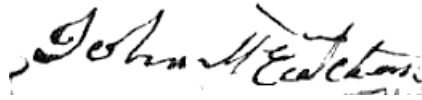
⁴ August 16, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

⁶ This is probably a reference to William Casey who assumed command of the Little River Regiment of Whig militia after the death of Col. Joseph Hayes at Hayes Station in late 1781.

⁷ Siege of Ninety Six (May 21-June 19, 1781) http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

S/ John McCutchen



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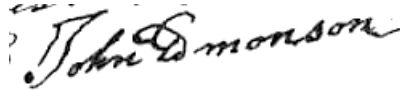
State of Alabama Jackson County: Before me James P. Postan a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County personally appeared John Jackson and made oath in due form of law he was personally acquainted with the above named John McCutchen when in the Continental Service as aforesaid under Col. William Thompson and Capt. John Caldwell, acting as orderly Sgt. in said Company in the 3rd Regiment and further believes him to be 77 years of age.

S/ John Jackson, X his mark⁸

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State of Alabama Jackson County: This day came John Edmonson⁹ before me John Berry an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Jackson and State aforesaid and made oath that he was Personally acquainted with John McCutchen when in the United States service as orderly Sgt. under Capt. Benjamin Tutt in General Andrew Williamson's Regiment to the best of my knowledge in the year 1777 or 1778 and was well acquainted with said McCutchen he was a good soldier and at this time not less than 77 years of age. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of August 1833.

S/ John Edmonson



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State of Alabama Jackson County: On this day 8th August 1833 appeared before me John Berry an acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid John McCutchen who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath take the following additional or Explanatory declaration to the one already submitted to the war department on the 22nd day of February 1833.

I enlisted near Ninety Six South Carolina where I resided at the time with regard to the time I served under each enlistment I cannot undertake to be exact but I do know that I enlisted early in the war and continued in the service until very near its close, and did not follow any other Employment in the time of its duration and I feel justified in saying that I served 2 years under the first enlistment and 3 under the 2nd not less than 5 years in all with regard to the officers under whom I served I have already stated who they were and that they had competent authority I have never doubted -- my service was both in the field and in Garrison, I have already went as much into detail as I thought necessary an a [indecipherable word] of my Claim and have throughout stated to the best of my Recollection though I am very infirm and my memory much faded. Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written &c

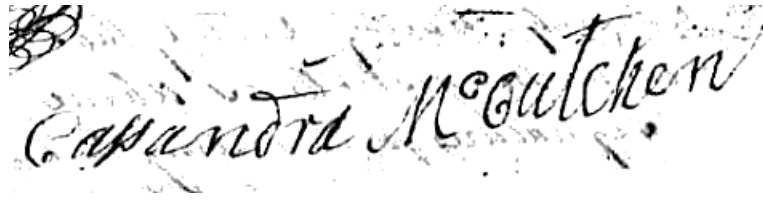
S/John McCutchen

S/ John Berry, JP

⁸ [John Jackson R5511](#)

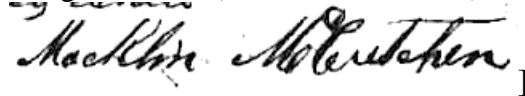
⁹ [John Edmonson S32229](#)

[p 6: On January 24, 1842, Cassandra McCutchen made oath in Jackson County, Ala., that she is the widow of John McCutchen; that he lived in Jackson County for 11 years before he died; that previous to that he lived in 2 other counties in Alabama for about 15 years; that prior to that he had lived in East Tennessee and Carolina.



[certificate of marriage of John McCutchin to Cassandra Gray in Morgan County, Alabama on January 1, 1823.]

[p 3: Jackson County, Alabama, May 7, 1854, Macklin McCutchen, administrator John McCutchen late of said County; that John McCutchen departed this life in the year 1835 before any pension was paid to him leaving then a second wife as his widow who also departed life in 1842 without issue ; that the said John McCutchen left the following heirs at law, to wit: John L. McCutchen, who resides in Madison County, Alabama, Walker McCutchen dec'd, Celia McCutchen who married one Richard Riddle (residence unknown); Joseph McCutchen, dec'd, petitioner's father who died in Jackson County leaving seven children some in Texas and some in Mississippi; Joshua McCutchen who lives in Morgan County; Ann McCutchen who married one [illegible name](residence unknown).



[Facts in file: John McCutchen married Cassandra Gray January 1, 1823 in Morgan County, Alabama; he died January 17, 1835. The veteran is said to have had no children by his second wife]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$80 per annum Commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹⁰ relating to John McCutchen
Audited Account No. 4999

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No. 66

[Book] X [No.] 69 11th August 1785

John McCutchen for 439 days Pay due him as Corporal in Capt. Tutt's [Benjamin Tutt's]
Independent Company in 1779 & 1780

¹⁰ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

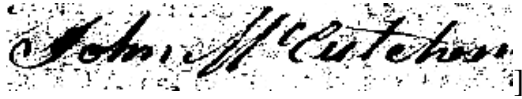
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add more	<u>4.12</u>
Currency	<u>£246.18.9</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£35.5.6 ½

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3: Printed form of Indent No. 69 Book X]

[p 4: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements, among others, by the veteran who signature thereon appears as follows:



John McCall