

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Shadrack [Shadrach] McClendon (McLendon) S36695 f50SC

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State of Mississippi Copiah County: SS

On this Eighteenth day of September 1827 Personally appeared Shadrach McClendon in open Court it being the Circuit Court of said County of Copiah and by the Laws of the said State of Mississippi expressly made a Court of Record; a resident of said County of Copiah aged about Seventy-Five years; who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said Shadrach McClendon enlisted for the term of three years in the State of South Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. Mesuk [sic, Daniel Mazyck] in the Regiment commanded by Col. Marion [Francis Marion] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental Establishment the time or day of which he enlisted he does not distinctly recollect through age, but that at the surrender or capitulation of Charleston South Carolina [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]<sup>1</sup> which he believes was in 1780 he had six months only to serve of his three years -- that consequently he served about two years & six months -- he was at the Siege of Savannah Georgia [September 16-October 9, 1779]<sup>2</sup> and there lost his left eye and that at the Surrender or capitulation of Charleston South Carolina he was taken Prisoner and continued in the captivity of the British about fourteen months from whence he made his escape and returned to Col. Marion's Army, then near Moncks Corner; and obtained a written discharge from the service from Col. Marion, which discharge has been lost or destroyed in consequence of having been wet and torn, and therefore he is unable to produce it in support of his application. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except South Carolina, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. That until a few years past he has been able to support himself by his own labor, and that as long as that was the case he would not apply to his country for the debt she may oath him for services rendered her in the "times that try men's souls," but that old age, decrepitude and corporal infirmity press so heavily on him of late, that he is [indecipherable word] to apply to his country for the scanty pittance allowed for the remnant of that Patriotic Band what achieved the liberties of the then Colonies of America, and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on

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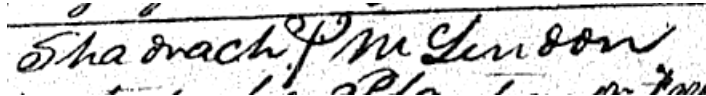
<sup>1</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz. one Bay mare worth \$45, nine head of cattle most of them Young worth \$40, three Sows worth \$9: fourteen shoats worth \$10: That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property to wit

One Roan mare worth \$50 mother of my present mare	given to Lewis McClendon my son	about one year ago	Rec'd the personal Services of said Lewis in the Support & maintenance of myself and wife.
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S/ Shadrach McLendon



This declarant states that his occupation is that of a Planter or farmer that decrepitude and bodily infirmities render him wholly unable to pursue it; That his family consists of his wife alone, who is between fifty and Sixty years of age, and from corporal imbecility wholly unable to contribute anything to their support; and that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his country except by private Charity. This declarant further states that on the 18th day of March 1818 he had a few cattle, 15 or 30 head of hogs which has occasionally increased and as often decreased and one small Roan mare as above stated and for several years past (except the little assistance to his small stock) he has depended upon the charity of his [text obliterated by an ink blot] are all quite poor) for support and that [blank obliterated by ink blot] attempt during the last 3 years to get a pension [text obliterated by ink blot] he be much longer the late it is probable that death will remove him and deprive the nation of this opportunity to bestow her gratitude on one of her most indigent and worn out veterans.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 18th day of September 1827

S/ Wm Barnes, Clk

S/ Shadrach McLendon, X his mark

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State of Mississippi Copiah County SS: The Circuit Court September Term 1827

Personally appeared in open Court Lewis McClendon (Son of Shadrach McClendon who has applied for a pension) who after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that for the last 5 or 6 years he has almost entirely supported by his manual labor his Father Shadrach McClendon and his wife, that in consideration of these Services his Father gave him an old roan mare, worth about fifty dollars. That he is extremely poor himself, and in these hard times finds it too difficult to support his Father's family and his own -- he further says that all the rest of the old man's relations all very poor and have families to support and further, that except the small assistance afforded him his little stock of cattle & hogs, his Father is entirely supported by private Charity.

Sworn to in open Court this 19th day of September 1827

S/ Wm Barnes, Clk

S/ Lewis McClendon, X his mark

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State of Louisiana Parish of Catahoula: SS

On this 12th day of November 1845 before me, the subscriber a justice of the Peace for the said Parish of Catahoula personally appeared Shadrach McClendon who on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Capt. Mazeak [sic, Mazyck] in the Regiment commanded by Col. Marion in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Mississippi whence he has lately removed: That he now resides in the State of Louisiana where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from Mississippi to Louisiana. That he has been living for several years with one of his sons and that his sons have within the last two years moved from Mississippi to Louisiana and necessity compels him to live with them -- consequently on the account of their removal he has come to reside in Louisiana.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Campbell, JP

S/ Shadrach McClendon, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 19, 1827 for service as a private for 2 ½ years in the South Carolina Continental line.]