

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McIlheny (McIlhany, McIlhaney) S38188

f16VA

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I James McIlheny of Huntsville in the Alabama territory deposeth that I served as a private in the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of the Continental Establishment under Colonel Gresham, Captain Lapsley and Lieutenant Brackenridge from the month of March in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Revolutionary War until the Regiment was broken up and joined to the 16<sup>th</sup>. I afterwards served in the 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Virginia on the Continental establishment until the year 1781 being three years in the whole – When the British Army went off to the southward, myself and some others whose time of service was nearly at and in was left behind, I was shortly after sent under a Captain Phillips from Philadelphia to little York escorting prisoners to that place, then after I arrived there I received my discharge from him about the first of March in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the War, as well as I can recollect it was the year 1781, I was at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], at the taking of Stoney Point [Stony Point July 16, 1779] and Powles Hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779] and have been in several other skirmishes at different places – I am at present unable to support myself either by manual labor, yearly income or any property whatsoever, I am now in the sixty fifth year of my age in enfeebled in body, mind and memory, I make this my application for the benefit of the Act of Congress giving relief to persons in my situation, and I do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true.

Witness my hand Huntsville October 9<sup>th</sup> 1818

In addition to the above I received an Honorable discharge which I sent to Richmond by my brother to obtain a land warrant, where I believe it remains in the proper office.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1818

S/ Francis E Harris, Clerk

S/ James McIlhaney, X his mark

Said James McIlhaney further maketh [oath] that there is no other evidence that he knows of to be procured in this Territory, nor any other evidence now in his power to prove the facts aforesaid

S/ James McIlhaney, X his mark

State of Alabama, Superior Court of Madison County October Term 1819

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819 came James McIlhaney before said court & made oath That he cannot now see to read or write. That in his application made before the Honorable Obadiah Jones Esquire on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1818 – the name of the Colonel under whom he served was by mistake stated as he has been informed & believes to be Grisham. This affiant says that he served as a private in the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment under the command of Colonel Grayson (as well as he recollects, Colonel William Grayson) and in the 16<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment as stated in his aforesaid application before

judge Jones, being in the whole 3 years on the Continental establishment.

S/ James McElhany, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 8, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

[Note: the following **MAY** relate to the above veteran]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

These are to Certify that James McElhaney formerly a soldier in the 16<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment has duly and faithfully served the term of three years full which he was enlisted and in consequence of and at his request he is hereby Discharged from further service in the Army of the United States and permitted to return to his home free and [indecipherable word] he having received all his Bounty Pay and Clothing and Deficiencies of pay & Clothing in full of all allowances and provision made by Congress to their troops his receipt for which is on the back hereof

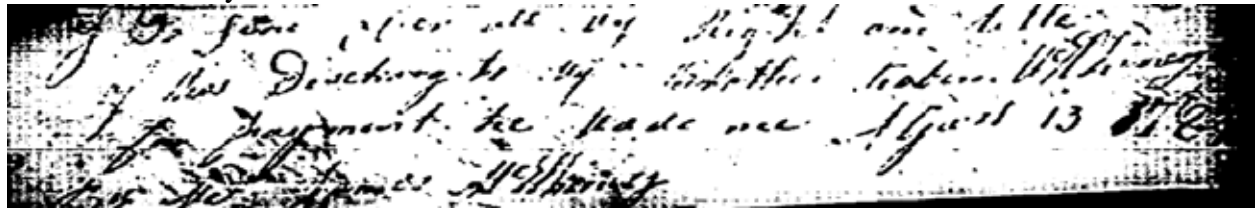
Given under my hand at Philadelphia 17 February 1780.

S/ Christian Febiger,  
Colo. Comdt 2<sup>nd</sup> Va. R.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of Christian Febiger, written in dark ink on a light background. The signature is somewhat obscured by a dark, irregular shape on the left side, possibly a stamp or a shadow.

[the reverse is very damaged and largely illegible, but at the bottom thereof it appears that there is a direction to deliver all "my Right and title of this Discharge to My Brother [illegible] McElhaney for payment...." August 13, 178?

James McElhaney

A handwritten note in cursive script, likely written by James McElhaney, detailing the transfer of his discharge rights to his brother. The text is partially obscured by a dark, irregular shape on the left side, possibly a stamp or a shadow.

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