

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

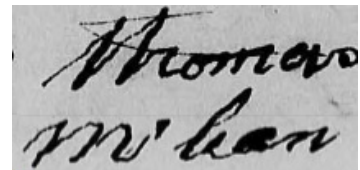
Pension Application of Thomas McLean (McLain) S38939  
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State of Tennessee } June 6<sup>th</sup> 1818  
Washington County } Then personally appeared before me Thomas Emmerson one of the  
Judges of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity for the first Judicial Circuit of sd State the subscriber  
Thomas McLain and in pursuance to an act of Congress of the United States entitled an act to provide for  
certain persons engaged in the land and navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary war made  
& subscribed the following declaration, after first being duly sworn – Towit  
that he said Thomas McLain enlisted in the continental service in the Revolutionary war at Little York in  
the state of Pennsylvania in the Company commanded by Captain Alexander Parker of the 7<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania  
Regiment (or line) that he continued in said Regiment and company from the time of his enlistment until  
the close of the war, that he was enlisted by then Lieutenant John Blair of said Parkers Company of sd  
Regiment in 1777 that at the close of the war he obtained an honourable discharge from said service from  
and under the hand of an officer named [Richard] Fullerton (whose first name he does not now recollect.  
that he kept said discharge for some considerable length of time until by casualty he has lost the same and  
has it not in his power now to produce it.

he further states that he is now a citizen of Washington County & state of Tennessee and has been  
a citizen of said County upwards of thirty years that he is now aged seventy six years and is entirely  
destitute of property and so much reduced in circumstances, that he without the assistance of his country in  
the bestowment of the generous provision thereby made will be and now is entirely dependant upon the  
charity & benevolence of the vicinity in which he now resides he further states that he never has been  
placed on any pension list of the united states nor did he ever before this make any application for the  
same. he would also beg leave to state that during the service which he rendered his country from the year  
1777 the time of Enlistment until 1783 the date of his last discharge, that he was in the Battles of German  
Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Peola [sic:  
Paoli, 21 Sep 1777], Stony point [16 Jul 1779], Green springs [Green Springs Plantation in VA, 6 Jul  
1781] and at the Capture of the British army at Little York (in Virginia) [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and that  
his own disclosure is the only evidence at this late period he has within the compass of his power except  
the proof of Lieutenant John Blair under whom he enlisted which he herewith transmits unless the records  
or roll of the Army of the Revolution will evidence the same

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day & date before written



Addenda. Thomas McLain shortly after making the foregoing Declaration called on John Blair late a  
Lieutent in the army of the Revolution to procure his affidavit of Enlistment & service for five years, but  
before the same could be procured the s'd John Blair died, in consequence of which the same could not be  
forwarded – but the s'd John Blair on his death bed stated that he enlisted the s'd Thomas McLain & that  
he served as before stated by him, and that the Rolls of the company to which s'd Lieut Blair belonged  
would evidence the same this statement I make for s'd McLain upon oath

Sworn to & subscribed before me

[signed] John Blair Jr

William P. Chester/ Justice of peace