

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McLaughlin S7212

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State of North Carolina Rowan County

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Magistrates who are Judges of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting for Rowan County; the same being a Court of record, John McLaughlin a resident of said County aged Seventy-nine years who 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he has a record of his age at home in an old family Bible which states that he was born the 23rd day of March 1753 in Bucks County Pennsylvania.

That he first entered the service of the United States in Bucks County aforesaid in the company of Capt. Patterson as a volunteer and went to Amboy where he was stationed three months Col. Erwin being the chief officer there, in 1776. That he was afterwards a volunteer in Capt. Patterson's Company and marched to Coryls Ferry [sic, Coryell's Ferry] on the Delaware [River] and was stationed there for some time, does not recollect how long, but thinks two months; no other troops were there beside Capt. Patterson's Company, our business there was to guard some Boats then in the River at that place the boats were ordered to be removed up the River & Capt. Patterson's company dismissed for that time.

That he was afterwards a volunteer in Capt. Patterson's company and marched to Trenton and was stationed near that place for three months; does not recollect any of the Superior officers except General Washington, that he was present when 900 Hessians were captured at Trenton [December 26, 1776], recollects that 2 or 3 of the Hessian prisoners hanged themselves and several others drowned themselves ~~in the River~~ as it was then said to escape being murdered by the captors in the year 1776.

That shortly afterwards he was again a volunteer in the Capt. Patterson's company and was stationed at Trenton three months during which time he marched to and was at the Battle of Princeton under General Washington in the year 1777. That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure that knows anything of the above stated services.

He removed in the month of September or October 1778 to Rowan County North Carolina where he has resided ever since.

That in 1780 he volunteered in Rowan County as a Light horseman in the troop of Col. Marlberry [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne], (a Frenchman) John Rowan Major are the only officers he now recollects and was stationed at the town Creek near Camden South Carolina while General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] camp was at the High Hills of Santee about 20 miles distant he volunteered for three months but does not recollect whether he served the whole time or not, but believes he was on duty at least two months.

That he again volunteered for 3 months as a Light horseman in Capt. Samuel Hearts [Samuel Hart's] company under Col. Dickson [Maj. Joseph Dickson] and marched to the neighborhood of Charlotte North Carolina where some of the British troops were then stationed, he was there accidentally wounded in the back by the bayonet of another Soldier and was carried home a distance of about 40 miles -- after he recovered of the wound he returned back to the camp near Charlotte & served out the balance of the three months.

Besides these several tours of service he was frequently out as a soldier for a few days at a time making altogether as he thinks two months during which times he was at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780] in Lincoln County North Carolina and at a skirmish with the Tories at Callsons [Colson's Mill, July 21, 1780] on Rocky River.

He states that age and infirmity have much impaired his memory so that he is unable to name any other officers of the Army with certainty. He further states that in all the service after he removed to North Carolina he furnished his own Horse -- That he has no written discharge nor does he recollect ever having received any -- owing as he supposes to his always being a volunteer. No clergyman living in a reasonable distance he is unable to procure the certificate of any one acquainted with him. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State having never applied for a pension before.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ Jno. Giles, Clerk

S John McLaughlin, X his mark

[James Bell, William H. Kerr and John Carrigan gave the standard supporting affidavits.]


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In the absence of any regular clergyman, We* James Bell do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John McLaughlin who has signed and sworn to the foregoing declaration, that we believe him to be of the age of 79 years, that we served in the Army with him part of the time he mentions & having full confidence in his integrity & veracity we believe that he served as he states.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Giles, Clerk

S/ James Bell¹



*Note. The other living witness was disabled and Could not attend Court. S. Sillman, alto.

[William H Kerr and John Carrigan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 31: On December 24, 1852 in Rowan County North Carolina, John H. McLaughlin gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the veteran, John McLaughlin, late a resident of Rowan County and a pensioner of the United States; the affiant relates veterans statements regarding his services in Pennsylvania; the relationship of the affiant to the veteran is not stated.

¹ [James Bell S2971](#)

John H. McLaughlin

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[p 26: On January 11, 1853 in Rowan County North Carolina, Robert H McLachlan filed an affidavit enclosing a certificate from the Comptroller of Pennsylvania giving evidence that John McLachlan was entitled to more of a pension than was granted to him.

Robert H. McLaughlin

][His relationship, if any, with the veteran is not stated.]

[p 30: PA comptroller's certificate]

Fifth Regiment 1780

We and each of us whose names are hereunto subscribed as a true & legal receipt to have received from Major Thomas B. Brown & Captain William Mearns, Agents for the late Pennsylvania Line, the several sums appertaining to our names respectively, in certificates dated July 1, 1781, bearing interest at six per cent. from the same day the first 1781 signed by John Pierce, commissary, and described as below being for the balance of a settlement between the United States and us for pay^{to} to January the first 1781.

No of said certificates	Names	Amount
July 20/81 70272	John McLaughlin	33 30

No 7317 Certificate on B 37-3-1 - Specie

We do certify, that the State of Pennsylvania is indebted to John McLaughlin private of the fifth Pennsylvania Regiment in the sum of Fifty Nine pounds three Shillings & six pence specie with lawful interest from the tenth day of April 1781 being the amount of the residue of the depreciation of his pay. - Pursuant to the Acts of Assembly passed at Philadelphia the 18th of December 1780. and the 10th of April 1781.

Philadelphia
August 20. 1783.

Wm Nicholson

Auditor General's Office
Harrisburg Sept 28. 1852

I certify the above to be true extracts & copies of the originals on file in this office,
Witness my hand and seal of office
the day and year aforesaid.

E. Brax
Aud. Gen

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$57.49 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in both the Infantry & cavalry of North Carolina and Pennsylvania for a total of 16 months.]