

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald McClung S9010

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Virginia County of Botetourt: to wit

On this twenty eighth day of November 1844 personally appeared before me Madison Gilmore a Justice of the Peace for the County of Botetourt in the State of Virginia, Archibald McClung a resident of the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia, aged eighty years upon the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1844, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he served his first tour of three months in a company commanded by Captain Andrew Moore of Rockbridge. The Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel John Bowyer of Rockbridge, that he entered the service about the last of November 1780, and was discharged about the last of February or the first of March 1781. That he was a drafted Militia Man, and resided at the time he was drafted in the County of Rockbridge and State of Virginia. The company to which he belonged rendezvoused near the village of Fairfield in Rockbridge County, and marched from thence to the lower part of Virginia crossing the Pamunkey River at Ruffin's Ferry, thence marched to James Town [Jamestown], thence to Suffolk, and continued in service in that section of the State and was there discharged in the last of February or the first of March 1781. He thinks there was a Regiment from Augusta County Virginia commanded by Colonel Sampson Mathews, and a Regiment from Rockingham County Virginia in service with his Regiment. He recollects that there was a Major Long in service at the same time and place, and that they were all commanded by General Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg], He further states that he has no documentary evidence to prove his service. That he was not in any regular engagement during his first tour.

He further declares that he served another tour of three months as a drafted militia man in the year 1781. That he was a private in a company commanded by Captain David Grey of Rockbridge his Regiment was under the command of Colonel Samuel Lewis of Botetourt County. The company was raised in the County of Rockbridge and marched from thence at an early day in the month of July 1781 to the city of Richmond, thence to Williamsburg and thence to the neighborhood of York Town, where he remained in service during the Siege, and was discharged four days before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. Colonel Lockhart commanded a Regiment from Botetourt at the Siege of York. General Lafayette was in command until the arrival of General Washington. He further states that he has no discharge or any other documentary evidence to prove his service, but that he office the testimony of living witnesses to prove his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

S/ A McClung



[Henry H Paine, a clergyman, and John Shirky gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Madison Gilmore Justice of the Peace for the County of Botetourt, propounded to the above mentioned Archibald McClung applicant for a pension the following interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, and have annexed to each of the interrogatories the answers given.

Interrogatory 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer 1<sup>st</sup>

I was born in the County of Rockbridge State of Virginia upon the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1764

Interrogatory 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer 2<sup>nd</sup>

the record of my age is in a large Bible in the possession of my brother Joseph McClung living in the County of Rockbridge

Interrogatory 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer 3<sup>rd</sup>

I lived in the County of Rockbridge when called into service, and for the last 40 years to the present time I have lived in Botetourt County.

Interrogatory 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer 4<sup>th</sup>

I was drafted for each tour

Interrogatory 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer 5<sup>th</sup>

The above question is answered in my Declaration

Interrogatory 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer 6<sup>th</sup>

I never received a discharge.

Interrogatory 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer 7<sup>th</sup>

I refer to Henry H Paine and John Shirky

State of Virginia Rockbridge County to wit

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1845, personally appeared before me William R Moore, a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, James McClung a resident of said County aged nearly seventy-eight years, and made oath that he was personally acquainted with Archibald McClung of Botetourt County and State of Virginia, that they were raised in the same neighborhood, that he recollects very distinctly that the said Archibald McClung, was in service

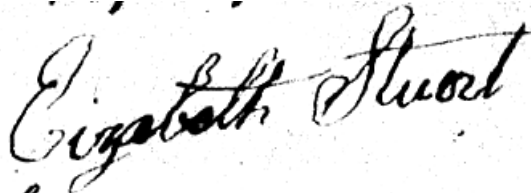
during the Revolutionary War, he cannot state that what time exactly he entered the service, or the length of his service but he is perfectly certain that the said Archibald McClung, was absent from home and engaged in the service of his country in the revolutionary war, and moreover that the said Archibald McClung is about eighty years old.

S/ James McClung, X his mark

State of Virginia Rockbridge County to wit

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1845 personally appeared before me Archibald B Walker, a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Elizabeth Stuart aged seventy-seven years upon the 15<sup>th</sup> of March next, a resident of said County and made oath that she is the sister of Archibald McClung of Botetourt County State of Virginia, who is an applicant for a pension for his revolutionary services. That she recollects very distinctly that her brother the said Archibald McClung marched from her father's house in November 1780 under the command of Captain Andrew Moore, that he was absent from home during the whole winter, in service, and that he returned home in the Spring of 1781. That the company rendezvoused at her father's house near the village of Fairfield and that her father was in service with her brother Archibald, That she has also full and perfect recollection that her brother Archibald who is now an applicant for a pension went into service upon a second tour in the summer of 1781, that he was under the command of Captain David Grey, and was absent from home about three months, returning home about the time of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], That her brother Archibald McClung is eighty years old, and that the family record of his birth is filed with the papers in this case.

S/ Elizabeth Stuart

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Stuart". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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Parents }

John McClung was born in 1731

Elizabeth McClung was born October 9<sup>th</sup> 1739 [could be 1734]

Peggy was born October 5 1755

William was born July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1758

Rabeehah [Rebecca] was born July 8 1760

John was born May 22, 1762

Archd [Archibald] was born March 25<sup>th</sup> 1764

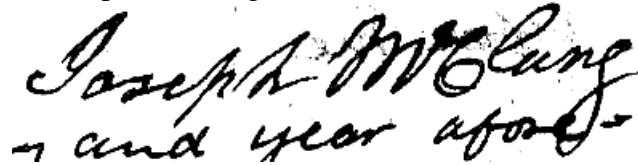
Phiby was born in May the 8<sup>th</sup> 1766

Rockbridge County to wit

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1845 personally appeared before me William R Moore a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Joseph McClung a resident of said County aged nearly seventy years, and made oath that he is a Brother of Archibald McClung of Botetourt County State of Virginia, who is an applicant for a pension; that he has a recollection of the revolutionary services of his brother, but that his father who served in the revolutionary war has frequently stated that his son Archibald McClung was in service with him, the said Joseph McClung further deposed that his brother Archibald McClung is and applicant for a pension was eighty years old upon the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1844 according to the record of his age in a family

Bible now in his possession, the leaf of the family Bible containing the record of the age of said Archibald McClung is now taken out for the purpose of sending it to the Pension department with his declaration.

S/ Joseph McClung

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph McClung" in a cursive script. Below the name, there is a line of text that is partially obscured and difficult to read, appearing to say "and year ago".

[next page –almost illegible appears to include the following:

"Joseph McClung Born 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 1814"

[There are other entries, but I could not read them]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]