

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Charles McClure SC3012  
Audited Account No. 4938.5

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[p 2]

The petition of Charles McClure praying for a Pension  
Presented by S. H. Dickson  
“Pensions”  
Placed on pension list with year arrears

[p 3]

To the Honorable the President and other Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina  
in General Assembly met

The Petition of Charles McClure  
Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner during the Revolutionary War  
volunteered and entered into the Militia Service under Captain Steele [Elijah Steele] this  
Company was attacked [attacked] by Captain Ferguson, Steele & most of his men retreated and  
escaped – two or three were killed, the petitioner and two others were taken prisoners, and  
conveyed to Camden Jail and was there Confined for eight Months or near that time – Suffered,  
Hunger pain, cold and was during part of the time sick – treated with the utmost indignity and  
fed like a trule [or trute, sic, troll?].<sup>2</sup>

That he never received any compensation pay or recompense for his Sufferings or  
Services – That he has raised seven Children, He now has to Labor for a support for himself and  
his Wife – Your petitioner is sixty seven years of age and his wife upwards of sixty –

Your petitioner prays your Honorable body to take his case into consideration and so far  
compensate him as to Enable him to obtain a support for himself and his dear Wife thru [their]  
few remaining days – As he is unable to Labor as formerly and is unable to hire work to be done

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<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

or otherwise to obtain a support. Your petitioner herewith annexeth his own affidavit and also the affidavit of Maj. Michael Dickson who is somewhat acquainted with the Circumstances of your petitioner's services and Captivity and your petitioner prays your Honorable body to take his case into your merciful consideration and grant him such relief as you may think meet<sup>3</sup> –

And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray

[p 6: a copy of the petitioner's petition to the South Carolina House of representatives the body of which is identical to the petition transcribed above]

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Charles McClure

Report

That they have considered the same, & find that he was a Prisoner during the revolutionary war and confined by the Enemy in Camden Goal with Irons which disabled one of his legs – that being now Sixty-eight Years of age & his Wife upwards of Sixty, he is unable to support Himself & wife – They therefore recommend he be placed on the Pension list

S/ Saml. Warren, Chair Committee on Pensions

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Charles McClure praying for a pension. Report

That they have considered the petition and recommend that the said Charles McClure be placed on the list of pensions with the arrears of one year

S/ J. N. Davis

[p 12: Receipt dated June 1, 1820 in the amount of \$120 payable to Charles McClure. pp 12-13: Other receipts the first of which is dated May 30, 1825 in the amount of \$60 for the annuity due Charles McClure and the last of which is dated May 28, 1829]

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The petition of Mrs. Martha McClure Wife of Charles McClure Deceased praying that his pension may be continued to her

Pensions

Granted

Mr. J O Lewis

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To the Honorable President and members of the Senate the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina the petition of Martha McClure widow of the late Charles McClure humbly Sheweth that she is left in widowhood and in dependent circumstances and being very Aged and nearly blind prayeth that the Pension allowed her late husband as an old revolutioner may be continued to her as she was partaken with him in the

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<sup>3</sup> In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

losses and calamities that he suffered in consequence of the Revolutionary Struggle and your  
petitioner will ever pray &c  
October the 3, 1829

S/ Martha McClure, X her mark

[pp 16-19: The widow's petition was granted and she was placed on the pension list at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing in 1829. The last receipt reflecting payment to her of the \$30 annuity is dated June 4, 1834.]