

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to George McBeth SC5235
Audited Account No. 4878

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[p 2]

George McBeth

316 days duty in the Independent Company commanded by Captain Bowie [John Bowie]
£16.18.3 ³/₄

The Soldiers who Served in this Company must make out their Separate accounts and have them duly attested and vouched

Those who did Duty in Capt. Bowie's Company must make out their separate Accounts & return them to the Commissioners of Accounts Office

South Carolina

Ninety Six District} I do Hereby authorize & Impower Capt. John Norwood to Draw & Receive the Indents Due to me for my Services to the Public (militia Duty) with the Interest due thereon the Accounts having been Returned to the Auditor's Office, Given under my hand this 8th day of October 1785

George McBeth, M his mark

I do certify that George McBeth did sign & acknowledged the above order before me
Robert Anderson, JP

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Gentlemen

Abbeville County 17th December 1785

Please to deliver to Capt. John Norwood my Indents for Service done as a Soldier in
Capt. John Bowie's Independent Company of South Carolina Infantry and oblige

Gentlemen

your most humble servant

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George McBeath [sic], M his mark

Edward Blake and
Peter Bocquet Esquires
Publick Treasurers

the above order was signed in my presence this 17th day of October 1785 Andrew Pickens, JP

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 335 Book Z “delivered to Mr. George McBeth this our Indented Certificate, for the Sum of Sixteen Pounds, eighteen Shillings and six pence, $\frac{3}{4}$ Sterling for 316 days duty in Capt. Bowie’s Independent Company per Account passed by the Commissioners.”]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent]

[p 6]

Petition of George McBeth praying compensation for Services performed in the Revolutionary War
Claims
Colonel Moore

[p 7]

State of South Carolina Pendleton District} To the Honorable the President and other Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina –

The Humble Petition of George McBeth Sheweth that he enlisted as a Soldier in the Company of Capt. John Bowie and Served three years in defense of his country in the late Revolutionary War, and obtained a discharge from his officer at the end of the time for which he was enlisted, after which he was taken prisoner by a party of Tories who destroyed his discharge, which has hitherto prevented him from obtaining that Compensation for his Services above mentioned which in his opinion he is justly entitled to. Your Petitioner therefore depending on the Justice of Your Honorable body prays that you would take into consideration his claim and make him such compensation as his services justly entitled him to, and as in duty bound he will ever pray

October 1812

George MacBeth [sic], M his mark

[Note: The prayer of this petition was rejected]

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South Carolina Pendleton District} To the Honorable the legislature of South Carolina

The humble petition of George McBeth Sheweth: That your petitioner enlisted as a regular Soldier Early in the Revolutionary war and Served his Country faithfully until the peace in 1782 since which time, until within a year or two your petitioner has been able to make a Comfortable Subsistence, but of late he has become so infirm with age pains and aches that he is not able to make his bread by his labour – he is aware that those applications at so late an hour is unprecedented, but at the same time he knows that the State to which he belongs has never neglected their faithful Soldiers, who served through the Revolutionary war – and especially those who have no relations or Connections to assist them,

Your petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable body will take his Case into Consideration and grant him some Relief, Such as in Justice and mercy you may think meet² – and as in duty bound your petitioner will ever and humbly pray

George McBeth, X his mark

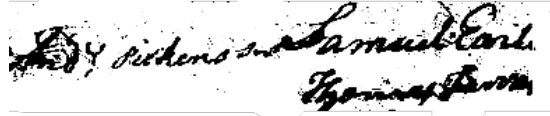
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We the undersigned officers in the Revolutionary war do certify that we were well acquainted with George McBeth and that he Served his Country faithfully to the end of the war.

Andrew Pickens Senr.

Samuel Earle

Thomas Farrar



We the Inhabitants and neighbors of George McBeth Do Certify that we have known him for Several years and that he is an honest industrious man and when he was able he worked hard for a living, but of late he has become too infirm with pains, old age and sickness That he is not able to get his living by ~~worck~~ without the assistance of his neighbors.

Major Lewis

George Vandiver

W. Henderson

Tm Gest

John Guest

Samuel Dabbs

Abraham Able

David salon

Robert Holland

Sam Guest

Dubose Mason [?]

[Undeciphered signature]

Daniel [undeciphered]

Adam Richards

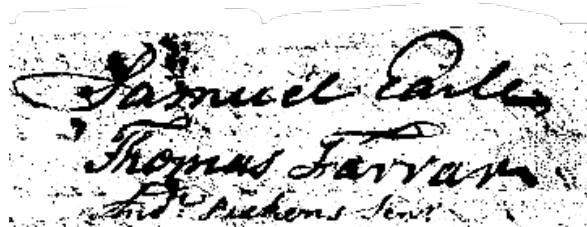
James McKinley

John Harris

George Swilling [?]

[Note: This petition was also rejected by recommendation of the committee on 12 Dec. 1815]

[p 16: identical document to that transcribed from p 11 above with clearer signatures of the three officers as follows:



² 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.

[Note: The remainder of the documents reflect petitions identical to those above resulting ultimately in the veteran being placed on the South Carolina pension list with the first voucher for \$60 being dated June 1, 1820 and the last voucher being dated October 23, 1832, also in the amount of \$60.]