

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Thomas McCance [McCants] SC5260 pp 19  
Audited Account No. 4894B & 4900

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[From SC AA No. 4894B]

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The Petition of Thomas McCants [sic] praying to be placed on the pension role [sic]

Robert Robinson

Granted

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To the Honorable the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina  
The humble petition of Thomas McCants [sic] shews to your Honorable body that during the revolutionary war he was a soldier in the service of the State of South Carolina that he was unable to procure certificates to prove his services by any of the officers under whom he served as he believes they are all dead, but that your petitioner would state that he served a tour at Orangeburg was at the taking of the Congaree Fort [Fort Granby]<sup>2</sup> was in Charleston and its vicinage for about five or six months on duty the only proof which he is able to furnish is the certificate of George Short [sic, George Straight] & David Neely who were fellow soldiers with him and for whose veracity the representatives of this district can vouch.  
Your petitioner would humbly hope that your Honorable body will now in his old age grant him the bounty of his country to support him he would not have asked this small pittance though in Justice he might it [undeciphered word] that time the destroyer of all things has taken from him youth & strength and left in their place old age & poverty in the gratitude of his country he has full confidence & throws himself upon their liberality with a full assurance that they will do that which is right and your petitioner as in duty bound will pray.

Thomas McCance



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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, if any, 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.

<sup>2</sup> May 14, 1781 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_granby\\_2.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html)

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Chester  
1825

No. 39

The Petition of Thomas McCants praying for a Bounty

McKee

Report in favor to be put on the pension list

Military

discharged to the Com. Pensions

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To the Honorable the Senate of the State of South Carolina

The humble petition of Thomas McCants shews to your Honorable body That during the revolutionary war he was a soldier in the service of the State of South Carolina That he is unable to procure certificates to prove his service by any of the officers under whom he served as he believes they are all dead, but that your petitioner would state that he served a tour at Orangeburg – was at the taking of the Congaree Fort, Was in Charleston and its vicinage for about five or six months on duty, The only proof which he is unable to furnish is the certificates of George Straight & David Neely who were fellow soldiers with him and for whose veracity the representatives of this District can vouch.

Your petitioner would humbly hope that your Honorable body would now in his old age grant him the bounty of his country to support him. He would not have asked this small pittance though in Justice he might claim it but that time the destroyer of all things has taken from him youth & strength and left in their place old age & poverty. In the gratitude of his country he has full confidence and throws himself upon their liberality with a full assurance that they will do that which is right and your petitioner are ever in duty bound to pray

Thos. McCants, X his mark

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South Carolina  
Chester District }

George Strait [sic] came before me and made oath that during the revolutionary war he was in Camp at Orangeburg at which he saw and knew Thomas McCants as a soldier in the same detachment, who were ordered out to served three months from the district of Chester &c.

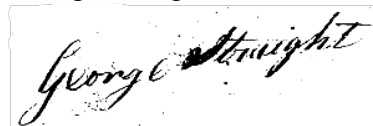
That he does not recollect the officers who were commanding but he thinks Colonel Lacey [Edward Lacey] was the Colonel of the detachment from Chester

Sworn to and subscribed

August 31<sup>st</sup> 1825

R. G. Mills, J.Q.

George Straight

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Straight". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

South Carolina  
Chester District }

David Neely came before me and made oath that during the revolutionary war he was in Camp at the time the Congaree Fort was taken at which time he knew Thomas McCants as a

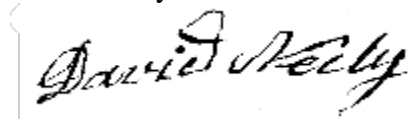
soldier in the same detachment. That he well knows of said McCants frequently going from home in detachments of militia who were called upon at several times during two years but was not with him but this once. That he is now an old man in very indigent circumstances.

Sworn to and Subscribed

August 31<sup>st</sup> 1825

Robert G Mills, J. Q.

David Neely<sup>3</sup>



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South Carolina

Chester District }

Thomas McCants came before me and made oath that he was in the camp during the war of the revolution at the taking of the Congaree Fort – at which time and place he knew David Neely as a soldier in the detachment then under the command of Colonel Lacey – That he knew said Neely to go from home frequently in detachments of militia but was never in the service with him but the once as he recollects, but this deponent knew said Neely to be in service at Orangeburg, as he was in the detachment who went to relieve the detachment in which said Neely was –

This deponent further states that he knew said Neely to lose two horses during the war which this deponent thinks and believes were taken from him by the Tories. That the horses he thinks at time were worth one hundred dollars. This deponent further states that said Neely is an old man and in very indigent circumstances and worthy [of] the Bounty of his country

Sworn to and subscribed

August 31<sup>st</sup> 1825

Robert G Mills J. Q.

Thomas McCants, X his mark

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South Carolina Chester District }

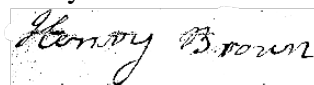
Henry Brown came before me and made oath that he was in camp during the war of the revolution at Orangeburg, at which time and place he knew David Neely as a soldier in a detachment of the Militia ordered out from York, Chester &c. That he continued in the said service for two months.

Sworn to and subscribed

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1825

Robert G Mills, JQ

Henry Brown<sup>4</sup>



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South Carolina Pendleton District } Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace for said State and District Col. John Moffett and being duly Sworn Saith on oath that he

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<sup>3</sup> David Neely SC5261

<sup>4</sup> This MIGHT be the same man as [Henry Brown SC883](#)

did know Thomas McCance in the Revolutionary war and that he did Serve in said war as a Soldier and fought bravely for the freedom of his Country, and that said McCance was a prisoner at the time of Huck's defeat<sup>5</sup> which was on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 1780, and he this deponent doth well believe that said McCance was under the command of Captain John McClure [sic, then Major John McClure] who fell at the battle of the Hanging Rock,<sup>6</sup> and that he the deponent doth further depose that he did himself then command as Captain and afterwards, Rose to the Command of Colonel in said War.

Sworn to and subscribed the 24<sup>th</sup> September 1825 before me

John Turner, JP

John Moffett Col.<sup>7</sup>

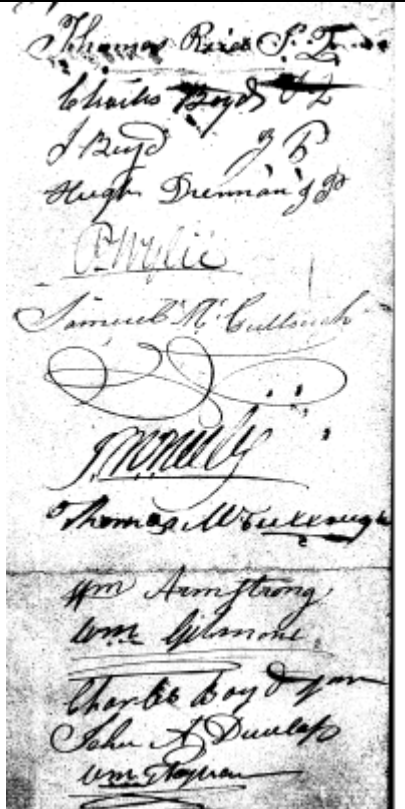


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The State of South Carolina

We've the Subscribing Citizens do hereby certify that we have been personally acquainted with Thomas McCants for many years who has always supported the Character of an honest industrious man of good Moral Character We believe him worthy to Receive a Small pension from the State for his Services done in the Revolutionary war. November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1825

Thomas Reid, J. Q.  
Charles Boyd, J. Q.  
J Biyd [?], JP  
Hugh Dreman, JP  
P. Wylie  
Samuel McCullough  
J. M. Neely  
Thomas McCullough  
William Armstrong  
William Gilmore  
Charles Boyd Junior  
John A. Dunlap  
William Mayhan [?]



<sup>5</sup> a.k.a. Williamson's Plantation

[https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_williamsons\\_plantation.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html)

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hanging\\_rock.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html)

<sup>7</sup> [John Moffett SC5229](#)

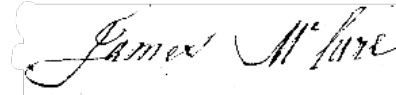
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South Carolina Chester District} Personally appeared James McClure Senior before me the  
Subscribing Justice Who being duly sworn Saith upon oath that he this deponent was Acquainted  
[with] the Family of Thomas McCance during the Revolutionary War & knew them to be Whigs  
& this deponent further Saith that he was a prisoner to Captain Husk [sic, Christian Huck] at the  
time said Husk was defeated at Williamson's in York District & said State & this deponent  
further Saith that Thomas McCance who is now petitioning for relief was a prisoner with this  
deponent in Williamson's Corn Crib at the time Husk was defeated & killed.

Sworn to & Signed this 23<sup>rd</sup>  
day of November 1825 before

me P. Wylie, JP

James McClure



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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Thomas McCants praying to be  
placed on the pension list

Report that they have had his petition under their consideration and recommend that the  
prayer thereof ought to be Granted and that he be placed on the pension list

Benbow Chairman

[pp 18-19: Vouchers indicating payment of \$60 per annum to Thomas McCants [sic]  
commencing June 2, 1826 and ending with the last voucher dated April 3, 1830.]

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[From SC Audited Accounts #4900]

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[No. 267 Book L 12 October 1784]

Mr. Thomas McCance his Account of 142 days Militia Duty in 1780, 1781 & 1782

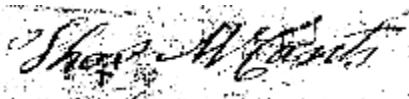
Amounting to £17.7.10 ¼ Stg. [Sterling]

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Rec'd 12 October 84 from the Commissioners of the Treasury an Indent No. 267 Book L4  
£17.7.10 ¼ in full Satisfaction for this Account

Thos McCants



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State of South Carolina Dr. [debtor] to Tho. McCance  
Commenced the 5<sup>th</sup>

December 1780	33 days a Soldier under Capt. Mills <sup>8</sup> a Horseman at £1 per day	£33
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1781	27 Days under Capt. Cooper <sup>9</sup> at £1 per day horse	27
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1781	28 Days under Capt. Cooper at £1 per day horseman	28
February 11, 1782	54 Days under Capt. Cooper a Sergeant at 12/6 per day	<u>33.15</u>
	Total	£128.15

[p 5: another version of what appears to be the same claim of service]

State of So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Thomas McCance  
commence 5<sup>th</sup>

December 1780	33 days a Soldier under Capt. Mills	£33.0.0
Commence 22 <sup>nd</sup> of April 1782	31 Days under Lieut. Gill at £1.0.0 per day	31
Commence July 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 1781	28 Days under Lieut. Strong at £1.0.0 per day	28
Commence January 11 <sup>th</sup> 1782	54 Days under Captain Cooper at 12/6 per day	<u>33.15.0</u>
	Total	<u>£125.15.0</u> 17.19.3 ¼

<sup>8</sup> probably John Mills Junior of the Turkey Creek Regiment

[https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/patriot\\_military\\_sc\\_captains.htm](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/patriot_military_sc_captains.htm)

<sup>9</sup> probably Captain Robert Cooper of the Turkey Creek Regiment same source