

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Duncan McCreevan [McCraven] SC5387 pp 33
Audited Account No. 4987

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[No. 40 Book O 19th January 1785]

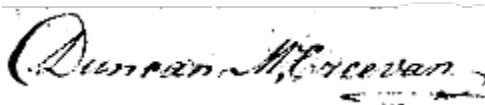
Mr. Duncan McCreevan his Account of 50 Days Service as a Private Horseman in Militia in 1779 amounting to Stg [Sterling] £7.2.10 ¼
Ex^d J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Rec'd the 19th January 1785 full satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 40 – Oh per Order
Thos Brandon [Thomas Brandon]²

Gentlemen The 30th of June 1784

60 Please To Deliver unto Col. Thomas Brandon [illegible text] Paid me the full valuation for the same, from Your Humble Servant

Duncan McCreevan



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The State of South Carolina Indebted to Duncan McCreevan
for Services in Capt. Kirkpatrick's [Thomas Kirkpatrick's] Company in Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] Brigade in an Expedition to Georgia, from February 8th until April 1st 1779
Inclusive – 50 Days at 20/ [20 shillings old South Carolina Currency] per day
Horseman's Duty Sterling £7.2.10 ¼ £50.00.0

¹ 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.

² This is the signature of Colonel Thomas Brandon of the South Carolina militia.

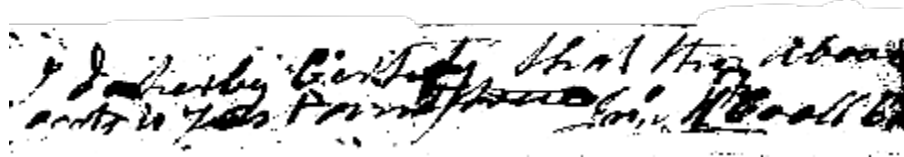
State of So. Carolina Camden District} Personally Came before me Duncan McCreevan, And
Made Oath that the Above Account as it Stands Stated Against the publick is Just and True and
that he never Received any pay or Satisfaction for the same. Sworn to Before me
This 3rd of December 178 [last digit obliterated]

John McCool, JP

Duncan McCreevan



I do hereby Certify that the above accounts is Just & true
John McCool Cp [Capt.]



[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 40 Book O]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent]

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[Book] X

[No.] 825 29 September 85 [1785]

Duncan McCreevan for different Tours of duty say 379 Days Charged

[old SC] Currency £397.0.0

Deduct less being

Overcharged 92.0.0

£287.0.0

Stg. £41.0.0

Ex^d. T. W. [Examined by Thompson Whitehurst]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Duncan McCreevan

for Services Done in Col. Brandon's

Regiment under the Command of Different Brigadiers

commencing at Different Dates Viz.

From May 1st 1780 Until August 18th inclusive

for Horse Duty 110 Days at £110

£110

Then Taken prisoner 184 days

184

(say at 10/less £92)

From 18th February 1781 until the 1st [month missing]

Inclusive 71 Days at 20/per day

71

To 14 Days Duty as Clerk at 20/per day

for the Regiment

14

£379

92
£287

Sworn to the 7th of June 1788
Before me Robert Anderson, JP
I do Certify the Service was done Thos Brandon Colo.

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Received full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 825, X her Order*
Thos. Brandon
*See order 40-O

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[No.] 227 [Book] Z 26 March 87
Duncan McCreevan 42 Horses lost in public Service in 1779 & 1780 and Charged
 [old South Carolina] Currency £250.0.0
 Stg. £35.14.3

NB: neither Certificates nor appraisements
Ex^d. T. W. [Examined by Thompson Whitehurst]
J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]
Pass ED

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The petition of David O. McCravan, Eveline McCravan, Jane C. Beard praying to be paid the
arrears of pension due to their grandfather Duncan McCravan, a Pensioner of this State of South
Carolina
Claims
W. C. Black

[p 15: heavily edited]
North Carolina Mecklenburg County, June 3rd 1832 [? could be 1834]³
Dear uncle & aunt we received your letter yesterday, and was sorry to hear of Aunt's ill State of
health. I was in great Hopes when I seen her last that she was in a fair way of regaining her
health. Grandfather was looking for you to be up about harvest, and was very much agitated
When he heard you was Sick, and will be very Uneasy till he hears from you again, he says he
can't Complain of his health in no respect only the infirmities of old Age, he Bears the Loss of
his beloved wife with a calm resigned [undeciphered word]⁴ And the true courage of a Christian,
he is able to rise with help and walk down there In the day, to rest, he says the Loss of Sight and
hearing is A great Loss to sustain to sit here and meditate from day to day, without hearing a
word that is spoke without it is particularly directed to him he says he must grapple his way here
till he gets that awful Summons to repair to another world, there to give an Account of his
Stewardship; You said you wanted to hear more particularly about grandmother. She was taken

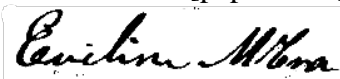
3 *1832*

1832 makes more sense than 1834 because Duncan McCreevan died in March 1832.

4 *him*

Ill on the 7th of April, with a cold chill and a severe pain in her right side, Doctor White attended on her, and he said her disease commenced with a plunacy [pleurisy?] and terminated in the [undeciphered word]⁵ Fever, She Seemed to have a [undeciphered word]⁶ drowsiness on her the most part of her time And never inclined to talk. It was on Tuesday She died, and The Saturday before, She lost her Speech and Continued so till about 1 o'clock Monday night. She Lost the use of her Limbs, and Continued So to 10 o'clock Tuesday morning and Expired, Also on the 15th of May Grandfather McCraven [sic] was well as usual, and walking from his [undeciphered word],⁷ and was Stuck With the palsy, on an Apoplectic fit, and Lost all use of the Left Side (it was at Rachel Robinson[?]⁸ he Lived) and he Lay on the floor till Some of the neighbors was Sent for to Blood him and put him in bed, he never Spoke and kept his Eyes shut, and he Expired on the 7th day of his Stay [text obliterated and rendered illegible], Elizabeth Mc [paper damaged and text missing] Is dead; it was the consumption that has been working with her for many years, and she died in nine days. After She took bed, there is several [?] in our vicinity Laying Sick Jesse Whittow [?] Says if he can he would Go and See you this Summer if he goes I should Like to go with him, But it is very uncertain whether or not Mother says she particularly asked grandmother If She would Send for you, and these are the words She Said – Says She, if She will not come without particularly Sending for, She won't Come if you do Send, She said about what to do with her Cloathes and Mother made three directions, one for you, one for Matthew's Children, and one for her Self, I add no more But remains your Affectionate Niece

Eveline McCra[paper ends]



Jesse & Polly [? possibly Spencer]

PS please excuse all foibles In this Letter EM


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State of South Carolina York District

To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Said State.

The humble petition of Eveline McCraven, David O. McCraven and Jane C. Beard, Heirs at law of Dunkin McCraven deceased of York District South Carolina and Mecklenburg County North Carolina respectfully Sheweth:

That [text obliterated] grandchildren is all as the Heirs at law of Dunkin McCraven who was a Revolutionary pensioner of the State of South Carolina at the rate of Sixty Dollars per

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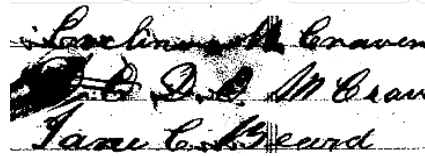
annum and who died in Mecklenburg County North Carolina on the 22nd day of [illegible] 1832 not having [text obliterated] for many years and up to a few years before his death lived with the parents of your petitioners and whilst in the family he was entirely supported by the joint labors of your petitioners and that they contributed to his support and nursed him in sickness up to the time of his death, they further show that they are the only surviving children of Adam McCraven who was a Son of Dunkin McCraven and who with his wife has been dead many years and that Duncan McCraven had two other Sons who removed to the West unmarried about the year 1815 and have never been heard of by the family since then and are supposed to be dead, and that he has a daughter who has not been heard from since 1840 and was then unmarried that they have made diligent inquiry for her but have not been able to hear from her, and is supposed to be dead, and consequently they are his only known legal heirs and representatives and that they wish the amount due to said Duncan McCraven to be paid to them through an administrator agent or otherwise, they further show that none of his children except the father and mother of your petitioners ever contributed anything to his support after he became dependent on his family.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

Eveline McCraven

D. O. McCraven

Jane C. Beard

The image shows three handwritten signatures in cursive script, stacked vertically. The top signature is 'Eveline McCraven', the middle is 'D. O. McCraven', and the bottom is 'Jane C. Beard'. Each signature is written over a horizontal line.

[Attested in Mecklenburg County North Carolina on November 26, 1859]

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South Carolina York District }

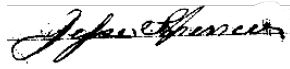
Personally appeared before me Maurice A Moore a Magistrate in and for the District and State aforesaid duly authorized by law to administer oaths Jesse Spencer aged Sixty nine years and made oath in due form of law that he was personally and intimately acquainted with Duncan McCraven and always understood that he was a pensioner of the State of South Carolina at the rate of Sixty Dollars per annum that he has often heard him talk about his Services in the war of the revolution in South Carolina and that he has often seen large Scars about his head caused by sword cuts which he (McCraven) represented as having been received in a conflict with a Scouting party of dragoons of the British Army and that he was left for dead, on the ground, and he further Swears that he for several years lived with his daughter-in-law Areminto McRaven [?] the widow of Adam McRaven that he has always understood that he died in the year 1832 at the house of Rachel Robinson.

He further Swears that he was personally and intimately acquainted with Adam McCraven and knew him to be the Son of Dunkin McCraven and that he was the father of Eveline McCraven, Daniel O. McCraven and Jane C. Beard and that he died ten or twelve years before his father Duncan McCraven, and that his wife Aronisnto McCraven [?] has been dead fifteen years or more if Duncan McCraven had other children they had left the country before he was acquainted with the family, and he further Swears that he is personally acquainted with Eveline McCraven, David O. McCraven and Jane C. Beard and knows them to be the children of Adam McCraven and that Eveline McCraven is living with him at present and has lived with him

for fifteen years and that he saw her sign the above petition and that he has no interest in the claim.

Sworn to and Subscribed this 22nd day of November 1859

Jesse Spencer



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North Carolina Mecklenburg County}

On this 26th day of November 1859 before me William Barnett and acting Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared James M. Barnett age sixty two years and made oath in due form of law that she was personally acquainted with Dunkin McCraven who was a pensioner of the State of South Carolina that she has often heard Dunkin McCraven speak of being in the Revolutionary war and that she has often seen the Scars on his head and face which he said were caused by wounds received in the War, and that he died in sight of her house in the Spring of 1832 at the house of Rachel Robinson and was a very old man at the time of his death. And that She was personally acquainted with Adam McCraven and that he was a Son of Dunkin McCraven and She knew no other children of the family and that she is personally acquainted with David O. McCraven Jane C. Beard and Eveline McCraven your petitioners and knows them to be the children of Adam McCraven and that Adam McCraven died before his father and his wife has been dead many years leaving no other children but the three above named and that she has no interest in this claim.

Jane M. Barnett, X her mark

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Nancy Beard age 78 years makes oath that she was personally and intimately acquainted with Dunkin McCraven was a pensioner of the State of South Carolina and that she knew him many years and has often heard him speak of being in the Revolutionary war. She has often seen Scars along his head and face which She always understood and heard him Say were received from Sword cuts in the war. She has heard him speak of being Surprised by a party of British in a potato patch where he received a severe wound on the head and was left for dead on the ground and she has heard him speak of being imprisoned in Camden where he endured a great amount of suffering, and that she saw him on his death bed but does not remember when it was. She was well acquainted with Adam McCraven and knew him to be the Son of Dunkin McCraven. She remembers to have seen a Son and a daughter of the old man but it is more than forty years since she saw them and does not know what became of either of them, and that she has none D.O. McCraven, Eveline McCraven and Jane C. Beard all their lives and was at the wedding of their father and mother and know them to be the children and only living children of Adam McCraven, and that Adam McCraven died before his father and his wife has been dead many years and that she has no interest in the claim

Nancy Beard, X her mark

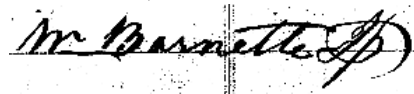
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North Carolina Mecklenburg County} I W. Barnett an acting Justice of Peace for the county aforesaid certify that I was intimately acquainted with Duncan McCraven for many years before his death has often heard him speak of being in the Revolutionary war and heard told antidotes of

his services as often seen large Scars about his head and face which he alleged were caused by Sword cuts received in conflicts and skirmishes with the enemy and has heard him speak of being at Eutaw Springs⁹ and Charleston and that he lived in the family of Adam McCraven for many years and until the widow of Adam McCraven became unable to support herself and family from age and imbecility of mine and that after he left them Your petitioners always nursed him in sickness and that Adam McCraven was his (Dunkin McCraven's] and that he died before his father and his widow has been dead many Years.

And I Certify That I Saw Dunkin McCraven on his death bed and that I made his coffin on the 22nd of May 1832 and that he died at the house of Rachel Robison [sic] and I further certify that besides being palsied and walking with difficulty he was careless and indifferent about business matters as an evidence of which he was partly supported for a few years before his death by the commissioners of the poor for this County and at the Same time had a full right and title to a tract of land in this county which land was sold by your petitioners after his death, but he made no effort to procure the possession of the land before his death. I further certify that I have known the family of your petitioners for many years (forty or more) and know them to be the only known legal heirs of Dunkin McCraven and that I am 70 years of age and have no interest in this claim. November 26 1759

W. Barnett, JP



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Dr. [debtor]			Dunkin McCrevan [sic] of Union [County]			
1795			1795 April 9			
April 7	Cash	15		By Annuities to March 1794		15
1796	ditto	21	428 1796 Oct. 11	ditto	1795	21.428
Oct. 8						

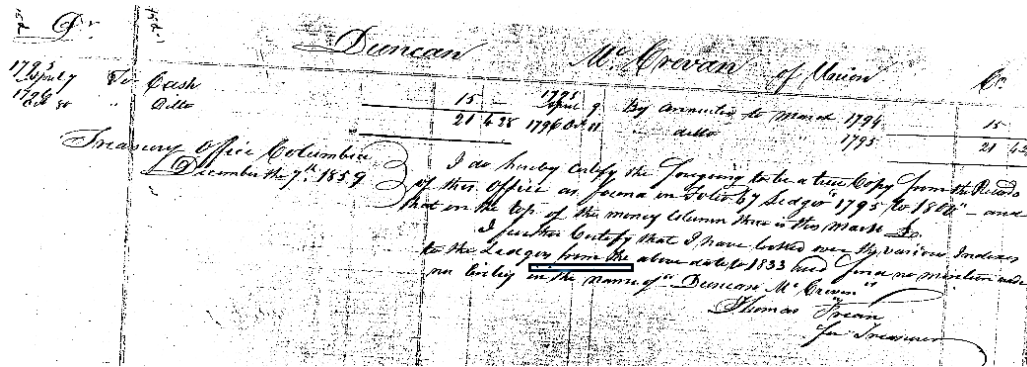
Treasury Office Columbia

December the 7th 1859 I do hereby Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy from the Records of this Office as found in Folio 67, Ledger "1795 to 1800" – and that in the top of the money column there is this mark £

I further Certify that I have looked over the various indices of the Ledgers from the above date to 1833 and found no more mention made nor Entry in the name of "Duncan McCrevan"

Thomas Freaan
for Treasurer

⁹ September 11, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html



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December 12th 1759

House of Representatives

The Committee on Claims

To whom was referred the Petition of David O McCraven, Eveline McCraven and Jane C. Beard praying to be paid the arrears of pension due to their Grand-Father Duncan McCraven, a Pensioner of the State of South Carolina,

Beg leave to – Report –

That they have had the same under consideration and find that Duncan McCraven was placed on the Pension roll of this State, but failed to draw his pension allowed him by law, from March 1796 to March 1832 the time of his death, and the Committee are satisfied, from the mass & respectability of testimony produced, that the claim is a meritorious one and recommend the administrator of the Estate of Duncan McCraven be paid twenty one 42/100 dollars annually from March 1796 to March 1817 and the further sum of sixty dollars annually from March 1817 to March 1832 the time of the Pensioner's death, making in all one thirty hundred & forty-nine 98/100 (1349.98) dollars to which the Petitioners are entitled. The act of the General Assembly in 1816 under certain conditions increase the pay, to Revolutionary Pensioners, to sixty dollars per annum, which conditions the Committee are satisfied have been substantially complied with and as consequently induced to allow, to the Petitioners, the full amount of the increase granted by said act.

Respectfully submitted
T. U. Field
For Committee