

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to James McElhenny SC5449  
Audited Account No. 5030

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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. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. 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 skills fail 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 material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

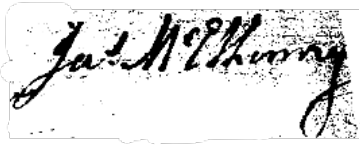
[Note: This is probably the same man as [James McIlhenny S31242](#) although the signatures on the various documents in the two files causes some doubt, at least in my opinion. Although Bobby Gilmer Moss in his SC Patriots also ascribes the claims reflected in James Elhenny SC5448 to this man, the signatures in those two files convince me they are not the same man.]

[p 8: Printed form of Indent No. 4 Book M dated October 1, 1784 "delivered to Capt. James McElhenny late of Lieutenant Col. Samuel Hammond's Regiment of State Troops this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of One hundred and Eighty Eight pounds Sterling for balance of pay and Bounty due him for Services in that Regiment Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last &c."]

[p 9: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements, among which is the following:

August 8<sup>th</sup> 178?

I do Assign over to John Childress Senior Sixty one pounds Eight Shillings of the within Indent  
Jas. McElhenny

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jas. McElhenny", written on a piece of aged paper with some staining and a small mark at the bottom right.

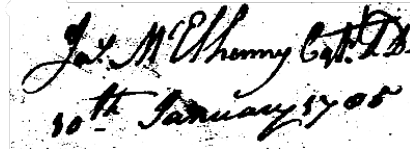
[p 10]  
Gent.

Please deliver the Bearer Mr. Samuel Earle, the Indents due me for Service performed in Col. Samuel Hammond's Regiment of Light Dragoons In place of a Negroe,<sup>2</sup> Agreeable to a

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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.

Resolve of the Legislative in that Case made & provided & this shall be a Receipt Against your  
Very Obedient Humble Servant  
Jas. McElhenny Capt. Lt. D.  
10<sup>th</sup> January 1785

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jas. McElhenny Capt. Lt. D." followed by the date "10th January 1785". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

To the Commissioners of the Treasury of So. Carolina  
Acknowledged before  
Baylis Earle, JP

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<sup>2</sup> Men who enlisted for ten months beginning in April 1781 in the SC State Troops of Light Dragoons under Hammond were promised wages payable in slaves taken from the Tories. Such 'pay' was known as "Sumter's Wages." When the number of confiscated slaves proved inadequate to pay this horrendous form of payment, the South Carolina Legislature authorized the payment of £94 Sterling in lieu of one grown Negro slave.