

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McClung (McClurg) ¹ W1446 Nancy McClung f115SC

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State of Tennessee McMinn County

On this 23rd day of October 1827 personally appeared in Open Court being the Circuit Court for said County of McMinn in the Seventh Judicial Circuit in and for the said State of Tennessee, and also being a Court of record and having the power to fine and imprison, John McClung resident in said County, aged Sixty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 -- that he the said John McClung enlisted as a private for the term of fourteen months on or about the first day of May 1779 as well as Declarant recollects (but being old declarant is not certain as to the precise year) in the State of South Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. Richard Johnston [Richard Johnson] in the Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Hammons [Samuel Hammond] in the line of the State of South Carolina, on the new Continental establishment -- that he continued to serve in said Corps until the end of said term of fourteen months, which, as well as declarant recollects, was on or about the first of June 1781, when he was released from service by the said Col. Hammons at the Block-house at General Pickens [Andrew Pickens'] in said State of South Carolina, -- that sometime afterwards, perhaps about the space of one month (say in July 1781) said Declarant by appointment with the said Col. Hammons in Augusta in the State of Georgia, when and where declarant received from the said Col. Hammons an honorable discharge -- that said Declarant has since lost or mislaid said Certificate of discharge of the said Col. Hammons, and that the same cannot now be found -- That said declarant served nine months and upwards (to wit for the said term of fourteen months) under said enlistment. That said Declarant assisted at the Storming of Grason's [sic, Grierson's] Fort, and also at the Siege, and capture of Brown's Fort at Augusta, in Georgia, ² -- That the Declarant during said term served some times in the State of South Carolina, and sometimes in the State of Georgia. -- That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present -- that his name is not placed on the roll of any State for a pension -- And that the following are his reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, that Declarant heretofore has been able to support himself and family by his labor, And did not wish to ask for assistance from his Government whilst he conceived himself to be able to procure that support without such assistance. -- That Declarant has lately

¹ BLWt38522-160-55

² Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

become very infirm, and is much afflicted with the Phthisis so that he has totally unable by manual laboring (his occupation being that of a farmer) to support himself and family -- that Declarant's family consists of himself, his wife aged about forty years, and five children, the oldest, a girl twelve years, and the youngest two years, that his children are all girls except one a boy of nine years of age. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

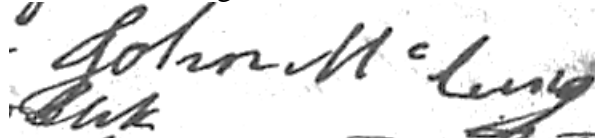
Schedule of Declarant's property necessary bedding and clothing excepted

One mare and colt	\$60
Three Cows and Calves	30
One pig	1
Household furniture	5
Debts due Declarant	15
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	\$121
Debts due from declarant	20
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	\$101

That the above amount of \$101 is a correct aggregate of the Schedule of the whole of declarant's property, Sworn to in open Court.

S/ Saml. M. Gantt, Clk

S/ John McClung



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I do certify that I was well acquainted with the above named Declarant John McClung from the time he was a small boy until the time of his said Enlistment that he lived at the time of our acquaintance in the State of Georgia, that all his Relatives with whom I was acquainted were Tories, and opposed to the American cause in the Revolutionary War, that Declarant having espoused the Cause of his Country, produced a disturbance between him & his relatives, as affiant was then informed, and he ran off from them to the State of South Carolina, where he enlisted as affiant was informed as aforesaid in said declaration alleged, that affiant afterwards saw said declarant at the Siege of Augusta in the Service of his country in the Regiment of the said Col. Hammond.

Sworn to in open Court 23rd of October 1827

S/ Saml. M. Gantt, Clk

S/ Joseph McCormick³

³ [Joseph McCormick S32405](#)



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State of Tennessee Smith County: SS

On this 26 [could be 24] day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before John Chambers, Exum Whitley & Solo. Debow, Esquires the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County John McClung a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- That he entered as a private for the term of fourteen months about the first of May 1779, in South Carolina Edgefield County in the company commanded by Capt. Richard Johnston [Richard Johnson] in the Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Hammons [Samuel Hammond] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the new Continental establishment that he continued to serve out the fourteen months when he was discharged by Col. Hammons at the Black House [sic, Block House] at General Pickens in South Carolina. At this term he was an enlisted soldier for the time aforesaid, & marched first from Edgefield Edgstone Creek -- thence to Bull Swamp below Augusta. The Regiment was raised in this County. The discharge he received was burnt in the house of applicant -- He assisted at the storming of Grapas [Grierson's] Fort & at the siege and capture of Brown's Fort at Augusta Georgia.

After having been dismissed as above in June or July 1781 he volunteered under Capt. John Carter for three months & marched near Orangeburg & joined Col. Saunders Regiment & after having served two months was discharged by Capt. Carter at his house in Edgefield County -- he received a written discharge which has been since lost.

In the fall of 1781 at Wrightsboro -- then Richmond County Georgia he volunteered under Capt. Robert Day for one month & marched to Ebenezer Georgia to guard wagons after having served the month applicant was verbally discharged.

In the latter part of 1781 -- he volunteered in said Warren County to go to Hills Fort on the frontiers of Georgia under Capt. Ezekir Abbit & marched to said Fort & served twenty days & was verbally discharged.

In the Spring of 1782 he was drafted under Capt. Womack in said Warren County and marched on a scouting party to Islands Fort & was marched back home & discharged verbally having served twenty days in this tour.

In the fall of 1782 he was drafted under Solomon Beckham Capt. in Warren County Georgia & attached to the Regiment of Col. Sanders & placed under the command of General waves & marched to the mouth of Shoulder Bone [Shoulderbone Creek⁴] on Okony [sic,

⁴ 1786 Georgia authorities signed the Treaty of Shoulderbone Creek with certain Creek Indian chiefs at a location on a creek by that name in present-day Hancock County. In the agreement, the Creeks made no new land cessions, but they reaffirmed the treaties of Augusta (1783) and Galphinton (1785), in which they had given up large areas of Creek land to Georgia--including the vast area between the Ogeechee and Oconee rivers. Chief Alexander McGillivray, however, refused to recognize the three treaties. Their legality was further in question because Georgia--not the U.S.--had negotiated them with the Creeks, despite the fact that under the Articles of

Oconee] River & remained until the treaty with the Indians was made at that place. Then marched back home & discharged in Wrightsboro Warren County & received a written discharge from Capt. Solomon Beckham which discharge has been since lost.

In all he served as a Regular fourteen months and as a militia man six months and ten days. He was born in Pennsylvania but cannot say in what year or in what County he was born as his parents died when he was a child while a child he was carried to Warren County Georgia where he lived until he went to South Carolina & enlisted in his fifteenth year -- after serving fourteen months as above & two months as above he returned to Warren County & lived there during the balance of his service. Since which time about 1806 he moved to French Broad North Carolina where he lived three years Buncum [sic, Buncombe] County -- he then moved to Pendleton district South Carolina & lived there five years -- then to White River Arkansas Territory & lived there two years -- then to Warren County Alabama -- & lived there four years -- then to Hilsaps purchase [sic, Hiwassee Purchase] McMinn County Tennessee -- & lived there two years then to Overton County Tennessee lived there two years, then to Smith County Tennessee where he now resides & where he has ever since resided. He knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service, but since and old Declaration containing prove which he begs leave to adopt as part of this as to his character he can establish it by James Fields a clergyman & Samuel Jones who are well acquainted with him.

He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State in the United States.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court 27 May 1833.

S/ John McClung

S/ J. Birkett, Clk

[James Fields, a clergyman, and Samuel Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Smith County

On this day to wit the 28th day of December 1833 at the house of Dabney Cooper in the County of Smith and State aforesaid personally appeared John McClung a resident of said County and State aforesaid before the said Dabney Cooper one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County who being first duly sworn according to law the truth to speak doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. That he is 70 or 71 years of age. That since he made his former declaration in open court which is herewith annexed he has been taken with a kind of weakness in his knees and ankles attended at times with pain and inflammation and as he believes is brought on and increased by his old age and other bodily infirmities he is unable to travel to the court house of his County as he has heretofore done and is compelled to make his declaration before they Justice of the peace who lives in his neighborhood and in the following manner "to wit" That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated. That he entered as a private that he is by enlistment for the term of fourteen months about the first May 1779 in South Carolina in Edgefield County in the company

Confederation, Congress had exclusive right to negotiate with Indian tribes. Settlement of the debated cessions would only be resolved when the U.S. and Creeks signed the Treaty of New York in 1790.

<http://georgiainfo.galileo.usg.edu/tdgh-nov/nov03.htm>

commanded by Capt. Richard Johnston in the Regiment commanded by Samuel Hammonds in the line of South Carolina they were called State troops he does not now recollect whether they were actually on the new Continental establishment or not but knows they were sometimes called troops under the new Continental establishment and sometimes State troops there Lieut.'s name was __ Beal 2nd Lieut. James Spann, Sgt. Myers and Elliott. The adjutant's name was Robert Starkes Sgt. Major name was __ Lawrence he thinks John Lawrence. The other companies of the same Regiment were commanded by Jesse Johnston -- Capt. Cowan Capt. Michael Haney the latter got his leg broke from a fall from his horse these were the four captains in the Regiment. Their Majors name was Fields Purdue he marched from Edisto Creek then to Bull Swamp below Augusta on the South Carolina side of Savannah River. The Regiment was raised in South Carolina. He assisted at the storming of Grayson's Fort and also at the Siege and capture of Brown's Fort at Augusta Georgia. He got a discharge from Col. Samuel Hammond in town of Augusta for the full term of fourteen months Service as above stated but having had his house burnt it is destroyed. He recollects that during this term of service of heat and a party of 21 [could be 29] men from the Regiment pursuing the Tory Col. Cunningham he thinks his name was but at this distance of time cannot say and overtaking and having a severe skirmish with his band. They took him by surprise when his men were cooking they killed several of his men and took most of their guns as they had rushed upon them before they could get them to shoot. He saw a great many Tories killed and also could name a great many other skirmishes but deems it unnecessary here to make any further mention of them. In getting his discharge as above stated he would further say that he and the company were dismissed at the Block House [at] General Pickens [house] in South Carolina as stated in his first declaration but received his discharge in Augusta as above stated after it was taken by our troops.

After having been discharged as above stated in June or July 1781 he volunteered under the command of Capt. John Carter for three months and marched near Orangeburg South Carolina and joined Col. Saunders Regiment but staid but a short time with him having been ordered up on an expedition against the Tories up towards Edisto Creek. He served 2 months this time he got a written discharge this time for the above period of 2 months but got it burnt with his other discharges in his house.

In the fall of 1781 at Wrightsborough then Richmond County Georgia he volunteered for one month under Capt. Robert Day and marched to Ebenezer to guard some wagons from the Tories during the Siege of Savannah after having served out his months applicant was verbally discharged.

In the latter part of the same year (1781) he volunteered at Warren County Georgia to go to Hill's Fort on the frontiers of Georgia under Capt. Ezekiel Abbitts and marched to said Fort and served 20 days and was verbally discharged.

In the spring of 1782 he was drafted under Capt. Solomon Bickham in Warren County Georgia he was attached to the Regiment of a Col. Saunders and placed under the command of General tweaks marched to the mouth of shoulder bone Creek on the Oconee River and remained until the treaty with the Indians was made at that place. Then marched back & discharged in Wrightsborough Warren County the place from whence he started he received a written discharge this time from Capt. Beckham which discharge he also got burnt with the other discharges he served this term two months.

In the spring of 1782 he was also drafted under Capt. Womack in Warren County Georgia and marched on a scouting party to Island Fort and was marched back home and discharged verbally having served twenty days this time.

In all he served 14 months as a regular soldier and as a militia man six months and ten days. He was born in Pennsylvania but cannot say in what year but believes to the best of his recollection it was the year 1763 his parents moved from Pennsylvania to Georgia then Richmond County now Warren County and died when he was very young he lived there until he went to South Carolina the place of his enlistment. He enlisted in his 15th year as well as he recollects. His age was recorded in the family Bible but when his parents died all his property was destroyed and sold and his age thus has been rendered somewhat uncertain had it not been for the records of the ages of a cousin & his which applicant has seen and who from tradition is but six months older than applicant his age has been thus correctly established as applicant believes beyond doubt. After serving fourteen months in the first tour and to in the next he returned to Warren County Georgia and lived there the balance of his service -- since which time and about [date obliterated] he moved to French Broad on Holston [River] in North Carolina where he lived three years in Buncombe County. He then moved to Pendleton district South Carolina and lived there five years, then to White River Arkansas territory and lived there two years Then to Morgan County Alabama and lived there four years then Hiwassee purchase McMinn County Tennessee and lived there two years then to Overton County Tennessee and lived there two years Then to Smith County where he has ever since and now resides. He herewith sends all the documents had in the proceedings. He can establish his character by John Saunders a clergyman and Samuel Jones who are well acquainted with him. He also has got to respectable citizens of the State of Tennessee who are acquainted with facts of service and who also can testify as to his character for truth and veracity.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or Territory within the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 28th day of December 1833
S/Dabney Cooper JP

S/ John McClung

[p 26: On April 2, 1855 in Jefferson County Illinois, Nancy McClung, a resident of said Jefferson County Illinois aged about 68 years made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John McClung, a Revolutionary war pensioner; that she married John McClung in St. Clair County Alabama on October 11, 1824; that they were married by Burrell Green, JP; that her name prior to marriage was Nancy Luster; that her husband died in Sumner County Tennessee September 24, 1844; and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 32: On April 10, 1855 in Jefferson County Illinois, James B McClung gave testimony supporting the facts stated by the widow in her application. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.



James B. McClung]

[p 33: On April 10, 1855 in Jefferson County Illinois, John McClung a resident of Franklin County Illinois gave testimony supporting the facts stated by the widow in her application. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.

John McClung

[p 13: On February 20, 1856 in Franklin County Illinois, Nancy McClung, 68 as of April 25, 1855, a resident of Franklin County Illinois, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a Revolutionary war soldier stating that she is the widow of John McClung; that she was married to him in St. Clair County Alabama about October 11, 1824; that they were married by Burrell Greene, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Luster; that her husband died in Sumner County South Carolina September 24, 1844 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$67.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year 8 months and 10 days in the South Carolina and Georgia militias. His widow was pension in a like amount. Her pension was increased to \$96 per annum after the Civil War.]