

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph McClaskey (McCloskey, McCleskey) W1449

Mary McClaskey

f79SC

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[p 18]

State of Tennessee, Lincoln County: Fayetteville October 16th Term 1832

On this the 16 day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Williamson Edwards [?], Samuel Buckhanan, Abner Steed, Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Joseph McClaskey a resident of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee aged about 76 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

At the commencement and during the Revolutionary War I was a citizen of Abbeville District South Carolina. I entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer in the fall of 1776 or 1777, though I have no distinct recollection at this time – the true date of my entering the service under Captain Pickens [Andrew Pickens] who was then attached to Colonel Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] Regiment or command; we were ordered to march against Captain Cunningham [Patrick Cunningham] who was then commanding a company of Tories near a place called Snowy Camp: at that place we captured a few of his men and drove the balance out of that neighborhood; we were then immediately marched to 96 to reinforce that place which was soon after besieged by the Tories;<sup>1</sup> after holding out considerable time our Army capitulated; we were to give possession, deliver over to the enemy to pieces of light artillery and our troops to be set at liberty from this place we returned home after a campaign of about eight months. Immediately after my return from 96 I was called on to march into the State of Georgia. I was then under the command of Captain Weams [Thomas Weams] who was attached to Colonel Pickens' Regiment; had a small scrimmage at a place called Kettle Creek;<sup>2</sup> from that place we marched under the command of Genl. Pickens against a certain McGirt [Daniel McGirt] at St. Mary's commonly called the Florida expedition;<sup>3</sup> drove him and his party from that part of the Country – and returned home after an absence of upwards of two months and joined in the siege at Savannah;<sup>4</sup> we were after some time reinforced by the French troops but was compelled to

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_ninety\\_six\\_1775.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ninety_six_1775.html)

<sup>2</sup> Kettle Creek February 14, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/>

<sup>3</sup> Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution12.html>

<sup>4</sup> Siege of Augusta (first/Clarke) [September 12-18, 1780] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>

raise the siege after considerable loss on both sides; we were in actual service during this campaign about six months.

Not long after we were marched against Bluford [sic, Beaufort?], then in possession of the British and Tories, we were not successful in our attack and left the place and returned home after an absence of six weeks or more.

Our next expedition was against the British which we met at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]<sup>5</sup> where we had a severe conflict in which General Pickens was wounded; during this campaign I was under Captain Pickens a relative of the General's who was in command. This tour lasted upwards of three months.

Some time after not now recollected how long we were ordered out against Col. Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] and met and defeated him at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780];<sup>6</sup> was in this engagement and was attached to the Corps commanded by Colonel Campbell [William Campbell]; we were ordered to reinforce General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] which we did and was with him at the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]<sup>7</sup> and partook in the glories of that day – soon after we were discharged after an actual service of upwards of nine months – shortly after we returned home we were again ordered to join General Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene], which we did and marched under his command to the Siege of 96 [May 21-June 19, 1781]<sup>8</sup> – and that engagement I received a wound in my right arm – returned home after serving about two months – this campaign closed my services against the British. About this time the Cherokee Indians greatly disturbed our frontiers and an expedition was put on foot against them under the command of General Pickens. I was under Captain Pickens and in Col. Armstrong's Regiment – we were marched to the Nation and destroyed some Indian villages Tugaloo and [illegible words] –and some other Toogajoy [?]<sup>9</sup> Towns destroyed a village at the three forks of Tennessee [River] – with several others not recollected, also the Horseshoe Town a place of some note in the Nation after which we returned home after an absence of more than three months.<sup>10</sup>

The second expedition which we had was into the lower part of the Nation and crossed the Chattahoochee River and destroyed Vans [?] Town and Hitower [?] also the village of Subcoa [?]<sup>11</sup> where we took a good many prisoners – here the Indians had a quantity of white scalps of all sizes on [undeciphered word]<sup>12</sup> – we marched to what was called Rein Logg Town where we made Head Quarters until we subdued the balance of the Nation – made a treaty or something of the kind and returned to our homes after an absence of upwards of six months. This campaign if I mistake not closed in the fall of 1783. My whole term of service will amount to upwards of three years. I have no documentary evidence by which I can prove my service. A

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<sup>5</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html)

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_cowpens.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html)

<sup>8</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

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<sup>10</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_last\\_cherokee\\_campaign.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_last_cherokee_campaign.html)

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part of my service while against the British and all my Indian expeditions I have proven by the affidavits of William Eddings<sup>13</sup> & Thomas Holland<sup>14</sup> whose affidavits are annexed.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written.

Test: S/ Robt. Inge, Clk.

S/ Joseph McLaskey [sic], x his mark

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: October the 16th 1832

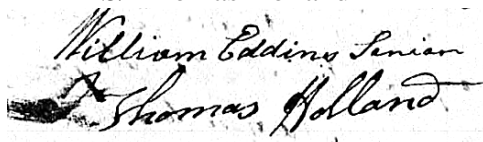
This day personally appeared in open Court Thomas Holland of Limestone County Alabama & William Eddings [sic, Eddins] Citizen of Madison County Alabama who being first duly sworn made and subscribed the following affidavit (to wit)

That we were well acquainted with Joseph McClaskey during the Revolutionary War he was a citizen of Abbeville District South Carolina we can certify to the truth by actual observation of much of his declaration as relates to the Campaign under General Greene against 96 -- and all his Indian campaigns as we were also in the service at the same time and in the same Corps. We have a distinct recollection that he was under the command of Capt. Pickens at the Siege of Ninety Six and that his relation of that affair is correct: we have every reason to believe that the balance of his declaration is true as he states but have no actual knowledge of it. We know there was such expeditions as he states & we were also out against the Cherokee Indians Thomas Holland under Capt. Pickens with McClaskey the same Capt. & William Eddings was in Capt. Maxfield's Company, company of dragoons same Corps he mentioned and to which he belonged, we know the to a certainty that all the Indian villages mentioned and many more in his declaration were taken as stated as we were in the service at the same time and was in them all and more; the names of our officers as well as the length of our Term of service are correct as stated.

Sworn to and subscribed the date above stated.

S/ William Eddins, Senior

S/ Thomas Holland

Handwritten signatures of William Eddings Senior and Thomas Holland. The signature of William Eddings Senior is written in cursive and is positioned above the signature of Thomas Holland, which is also in cursive and includes a small flourish at the end.

[p 22]

State of Tennessee Lincoln County: May the 29th 1833

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned Samuel Todd an acting Justice of the peace for Lincoln County Tennessee Joseph McClaskey a Citizen of Lincoln County, who being duly sworn deposes & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grade & manner & for so long as he can recollect he claims & no more.

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<sup>13</sup> [William Eddins S32230](#)

<sup>14</sup> [Thomas Holland S32327](#)

In my declaration I stated that I entered the service of the United States about the year 1776 or '77 under Capt. Pickens -- & was attached to Col. Williams [sic, Andrew Williamson's] Regiment -- how long I volunteered for I cannot recollect -- but was not discharged short of eight months as before stated but how much longer I cannot say in this campaign I received no written discharge.

My second campaign was under Capt. Wiams [sic, Weems] Col. Pickens Regiment the time not recollected -- during the whole of this tour I was out at least as long as I have stated in my declaration, six months.

The third expedition against Blefort as mentioned in my declaration I served as well as I can recollect under Capt. Weems & was in the service I will say 30 days but how much longer I will not now say.

The fourth expedition at the Eutaw Springs I served as stated in my declaration three months.

The next campaign I was marched to Kings Mountain & after at the Cowpens & served under Capt. Caldwell as well as I now recollect my Col. was Col. Campbell, General Morgan -- &c & served nine months.

I again [indecipherable word, possible 'fell'] under Capt. Pickens & marched to Ninety Six -- & Joined General Greene and was wounded in this expedition as stated in my declaration after serving two months -- this closed my campaigns against the British making a time in all of twenty-nine months all of these campaigns I was a private & received no written discharges.

I served two other campaigns against the Indians as stated in my declaration as a private - I can give no additional information about them but refer you to my former declaration. I have no documentary nor living witnesses except what I have given that can prove my services.

I was born in the year 1756 --

I have no record of my age. I have seen my age recorded in my father's Bible that is in possession of my eldest Brother now a citizen of South Carolina --

When I was called into service I lived in Abbeville district South Carolina from there I moved to Pendleton district South Carolina from there I moved to Smith County Tennessee lived there five years from there I moved to Franklin County Tennessee & from there I moved to Limestone County Alabama lived there about five years from there I moved to Lincoln County Tennessee where I have lived & have been for the last ten years --

I always served as a volunteer --

In answer to the 5th Interrogatory I refer you to my declaration.

I never received a written discharge in all my services

In answer to the 7th Interrogatory I answer I am known to the Rev. Mr. Eddings Mr. Holland to have certified for me and to John B. Todd, Will Cox [indecipherable name] Wills Esqr. Pinkerton and many others &c Jo Dean.

S/ Samuel Todd, JP

S/ Joseph McClaskey, M his mark

[William Eddins, Sr., of Madison County, Ala. and 'near neighbor to" McClaskey and E. C. McLaughlin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 63: Indent dated April 14, 1785 issued by the state of South Carolina to Joseph McCloskey, Jr. [sic] for service for wagon hire and militia duty from 1779 to 1781 as per the pay bill of Captain Anderson & Captain Corrithers [Robert Caruthers] for 351 days service and for wagon hire for 313 days.]

[p 50: On September 4, 1838 in Lincoln County Tennessee, Mary McCleskey, [sic] aged 74 and a resident Tennessee, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph McCleskey who was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him on November 17, 1781; that her husband died February 25, 1837 and that she remains his widow.

*Mary McCleskey* ]

[p 51: On February 8, 1838 in Lawrence County Alabama, Samuel McCleskey, gave testimony that he is now in the 73<sup>rd</sup> year of his life, that he is the brother of Joseph McCleskey Tennessee who was born and raised in Abbeville district South Carolina; that his brother served as a soldier in the revolution and prior to the termination of the war married Mary Green in said district and state; that the affiant's brother departed this life in Lincoln County Tennessee in February 1837 leaving Mary his widow.

*Samuel McCleskey* ]

[p 11: On February 13, 1843 in Lincoln County Tennessee, Mary McClaskey, aged 77 years, file for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph McClaskey, a Revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him in the District of 96 (now Abbeville District) in South Carolina on November 17, 1781; that their marriage was solemnized by James Lusk, JP; that her husband died February 25, 1837 in Lincoln County Tennessee; that she has no proof of her marriage other than the family record except for the testimony of Samuel McClaskey, brother of her husband Joseph McClaskey, who was present at the wedding. She signed her application with her mark.]

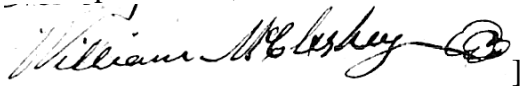
[p 16: On February 18, 1843 in Lawrence County Alabama, Samuel McCleskey [sic] gave testimony that he is the brother of Joseph McCleskey, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution and whose widow is now seeking a pension in her own right; that affiant is now in his 78<sup>th</sup> year of his age; that his brother and Mary were married during the continuance of the Revolutionary war and his brother perform service after their wedding; that affiant was present at the wedding.

*Samuel McCleskey* ]

[Facts in file: Veteran died February 25, 1837; he married November 17, 1781 in Ninety Six District, SC, Mary Green; they were married by James Lusk, JP of Abbeville District, SC; Mary was living in Lincoln County, Tn., in 1838 and was then 74; she died November 19, 1845; children of the veteran and his wife: Samuel (born Dec. 12, 1782), George B.(born March 30, 1784), David (born September 11, 1787), Elizabeth (born September 21, 1789; married August 3, 1809), William (born September 26, 1791; married October 13, 1813), Jane (born April 10, 1794), John (born March 14, 1796), Mary (born August 17, 1800), Joseph (born February 5, 1802) and Sarah (born October 17, 1804); in 1851, only George, William, Jane, Mary, Joseph

and Sarah survived their mother; grand-children Samuel, John, Joseph, and Julia Ann, children of son David; and Lucinda, Eliza and James N., children of Elizabeth (husband's name not given; Elizabeth married August 3, 1809).]

[p 4: On April 7, 1851 in Lincoln County Tennessee, William McClaskey, 60, in his capacity as administrator of the estate of his mother Mary McClaskey, filed for a widow's pension stating that his mother was the widow of Joseph McClaskey, a Revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that his mother died November 19, 1845 in Lincoln County Tennessee.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years and the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>15</sup> relating to Joseph McClasky, Jr. pp 5  
Audited Account No. 4929E  
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[p 2]  
No. 209 Book P April 14, 1785  
Mr. Joseph McClasky Junr. [Sic] his Account of Militia Duty & Waggon Hire done alternately from 1779 to 178? [last digit unclear] amounting to  
[old South Carolina] Currency [illegible]  
Stg. [Sterling] £229  
Ex<sup>d</sup>. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]  
J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3]  
State So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Joseph McClasky [sic]  
for Duty per Capt. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] & Capt. Carithers  
[sic, Robert Caruthers'] Pay Bills commencing in Jany 1779 & ending  
in May 178? say on Horse 129 Days  
222  
351 Days at 20/<sup>16</sup> £351  
Waggon Hire per accts. annexed  
in 1779 and 1780 274 Days  
39 313 Days at £4<sup>17</sup> £1252  
Currency £1603  
Stg. £229

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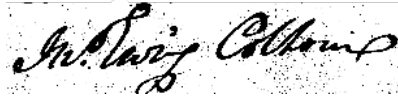
<sup>15</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The 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>16</sup> 20 shillings old SC currency was the pay rate for a mounted horsemen providing is on horse and equipment

<sup>17</sup> This was the pay rate for a wagoner providing his own team and gear

Received April fourteenth 1785 full Satisfaction for the above in an Indent No. 209, Book P by  
Virtue of an order for Joseph McClosky Jr. [sic]  
John Ewing Calhoun

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Ewing Calhoun". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.