

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hector McNeill (McNeil) W18501 Ayles McNeill f74NC

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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' 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.]

### Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1838, 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1843 & 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1844

State of North Carolina Robeson County

On this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1851 Personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in & for the said County, Simon P McNeill, resident of said County who having been duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the acts of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of July & other subsequent acts above-mentioned; that he is the son of Hector McNeill who was a Revolutionary soldier that his father the said Hector McNeill served as a Lieutenant for several years under Captain Ard, Captain Hopkins, Captain Hays, Captain Simon Hadly, Colonel Regan & General Lee & others. The whole period of his services was at least five years. His services were chiefly in North Carolina. He marched on one expedition to Charleston South Carolina where he remained a short time. The said Hector McNeill was in a Battle at Hillsboro in Battle at Cain Creek in a battle at the Piney Bottom & some other skirmish &c. He received three wounds while in service two in the arm & one in the leg & that his father the said Hector McNeill was married in the spring of 1791 to Alys M.<sup>c</sup>Neill [sic] the mother of this Declarant in the County of Cumberland North Carolina & that his father died on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1830 & that his mother Ayls McNeill died on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 1840 aged about 66 years. He therefore makes this application in behalf of himself & the other children now living to with Elizabeth Munn, William C McNeill, James McNeill, Simon P McNeill, Jane Elmore, & Nancy Coward for the amount Pension due her up to the day of her death on account of the services of her husband the said Hector McNeill in the Revolutionary war.

S/ Simon P McNeill



[pp. 3-4 are digital images of the original family record giving the birthdates of the children of veteran

<p> <i>Neill M. Neill was born</i>  <i>October the 26 Day 1787</i>  <i>Archibald M. Neill was born</i>  <i>January the 4<sup>th</sup> Day 1789</i>  <i>Elizabeth M. Neill was born</i>  <i>June the 23 Day 1792</i>  <i>Hector M. Neill was born</i>  <i>July the 25<sup>th</sup> Day 1794</i>  <i>Elizabeth M. Neill was born</i>  <i>June the 26 Day 1794</i>  <i>Margaret M. Neill was born</i>  <i>March the 9<sup>th</sup> Day 1799</i>  <i>William C. M. Neill was</i>  <i>born March the 21 Day</i>  <i>James M. Neill was born</i>  <i>September the 6<sup>th</sup> Day 1800</i>  <i>Simon M. Neill was born</i>  <i>August the 16<sup>th</sup> Day 1800</i> </p>	<p> <i>Daniel M. Neill</i>  <i>Born July the 11<sup>th</sup> Day</i>  <i>1807</i>  <i>John M. Neill was</i>  <i>born March the 16<sup>th</sup> Day</i>  <i>1811</i>  <i>Sally M. Neill was born</i>  <i>December the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day 1813</i>  <i>Ames M. Neill was</i>  <i>born</i>  <i>1830</i>  <i>Hector M. Neill</i>  <i>died</i>  <i>July the 25<sup>th</sup> Day</i>  <i>1840</i>  <i>1830</i>  <i>John M. Neill died</i>  <i>Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1840</i> </p>
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"State North Carolina Bladen County

This is to certify that Hector McNeill has served Three months in the militia service in the foot Company and he is hereby Dis Charged given under my hand this 20th day of February 1783  
S/ Thos. Ard, Capt."

*State North Carolina Bladen County*  
*This is to certify that Hector McNeill has served*  
*Three months in the militia service in the foot*  
*Company and he is hereby Dis Charged given under*  
*my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1783*  
*Thos Ard Capt*

[p 42: NC Comptroller's certificate]

State of North Carolina  
Comptroller's Office

I, William J. Clarke, Comptroller of public accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the records relating to Revolutionary soldiers that the following Captains were Captains of Militia companies in the service of said State in that war viz: Captain Thomas Ard, Captain Hopkins, Captain Simon Hadley, Captain Hayes and Captain Regan. I further certify that the name of Hector McNeill appears in Capt. Hopkins' Company Book No. 11 page 6 as being paid £147 £11 0 6 specie and also £35 0 2 specie.

I further certify that the name of said Hector McNeill also appears (Book W. No. 2) in Captain Thomas Ard's Company.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this 17th day of August 1852.

Wm. J. Clarke Compt'r.

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[Letter from the Pension Bureau in response to an inquiry. Letter dated July 24, 1930]

My dear Mr. McSwain:

A reference is made to your letter of July 19, enclosing a communication from Mrs. EW Carpenter, for one for College Street, Greenville South Carolina, desiring information concerning a soldier of the revolutionary war named Hector McNeill.

It appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W. 18501, that Hector McNeill or McNeil served as a Lieut. in the North Carolina troops for several years under Captains Thomas Ard, Hopkins, Hayes, Simon Hadley and Regan. He was in skirmishes at Hillsboro, Cane Creek and Piney Bottom and received 3 wounds, two in the arm and one in the leg.

Soldier married in the spring of 1791 in Cumberland County, North Carolina, Ayles (maiden name not stated). He died July 28, 1830 and she died September 25, 1840, aged about 66 years.

Children by soldier's first wife, whose name, date of marriage and date of death are not recorded:

Neill born October 26, 1787

Archibald born January 4, 1798

Children of Hector and Ayles McNeill or McNeil:

Elisabeth born June 23, 1792

Hector born July 25, 1794

Elisabeth born June 26, 1796

Margaret born March 9, 1799

William C. born March 21, 1801

James born September 5, 1803

Simon P. born August 4, 1805

Daniel born July 14, 1807

Jane or Jean born March 16, 1811

Nancey born December 3 1813

the following children were alive in 1851 and were allowed pension to their mother: --  
Elizabeth Mann or Munn; William C.; James; Simon P.; Jane Elmore; and Nancy Coward.

Very truly yours

S/ EW Morgan, Acting Commissioner

[Veteran's widow was granted a posthumous pension at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 and ending when she died on September 25, 1840. The amount of her pension was calculated on her husband service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina militia from Cumberland County North Carolina.]