

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh McClure (McCluer) W21789      Jane McClure      f110SC  
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State of South Carolina Chester District:

On this 30th day of June 1846, personally appeared in open Court, and before the Court of Equity now opened and held in Chesterfield, in the District of Chester and State aforesaid, James McClure, son of the late Hugh McClure deceased, a resident of said District, aged 59 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, Entitled "An Act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows,"

That this declarant the aforesaid James McClure in behalf of himself and the other heirs of the said Hugh McClure deceased States, that the said Hugh McClure was a Lieut. and Capt. in the Army of the Revolution the heirs understand and as such he served the United States during the Revolution against the Common Enemy -- That he the said Hugh McClure resided in the days of the Revolution in what is now called Chester District State of South Carolina, and that he entered the service of the United States in the year 1779, or 1780, as Lieut. under Capt. John McClure, Cols. Lacey [Edward Lacey], Bratton [William Bratton] & others in the South Carolina Militia under whom he served as Lieut. till the Battle of the Hanging Rock in August, 1780,<sup>1</sup> in which Engagement his said Capt. was mortally wounded, and he the said Hugh McClure was promoted to the captaincy and took the command of the aforesaid Company with which he served till the end of the War, and that during the War the aforesaid Hugh McClure was in the following Engagements, viz.: Battle at Biggam's Church, or Beckhamville<sup>2</sup> in which he was wounded, Battle of Hanging Rock, Rocky Mount,<sup>3</sup> Huck's defeat at Williamson's<sup>4</sup> besides several others.

He further declared that the said Hugh McClure was married in the year 1780 or 1781 to Jane Porter, and as husband and wife they lived together till the death of the said Hugh McClure who died on the 3rd March 1802, and that his wife the aforesaid Jane departed this life on the 4th of August, 1838, not having intermarried after the death of her said husband the aforesaid Hugh McClure deceased.

He also declared that he has no Family Record showing either the date of their marriage nor the births of their Children, nor has he either commissions or discharges that all their old

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<sup>1</sup> August 6, 1780 [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hanging\\_rock.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html)

<sup>2</sup> May 31, 1780 [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_beckhamville.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_beckhamville.html)

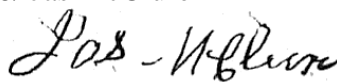
<sup>3</sup> June 30, 1780 [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_rocky\\_mount.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html)

<sup>4</sup> July 12, 1780 [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_williamsons\\_plantation.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html)

papers have been destroyed by fire, since the days of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year first above written before the Court  
S/ Dana Johnson

S/ Jas McClure



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"Sacred to the Memory of Jane McClure who departed this life August 4th 1838, in the 75 year of her Age"

State of South Carolina Chester District: I George Gill a Magistrate in and for the said District do hereby certify that the above is a true and perfect Copy of the obituary Notice of the Death of Jane McClure taken from the tombstone erected to the Memory & at her graves in Flying Creek Graveyard in the aforesaid District all which is expressed in plain legible letters & figures.

I also Certify that said Jane McClure Deceased was the Wife of Capt. Hugh McClure Deceased of said District & they were the Father & Mother of James McClure Esquire applicant for a Pension.

In testimony thereof I have set my hand & seal this 26th day of November 1846

S/ George Gill, Magistrate

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State of South Carolina York District:

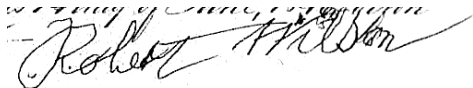
Personally appeared before me A. S. Wallace one of the acting Magistrates in & for said District Robert Wilson<sup>5</sup> a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States and made oath in due form of law that he was in the days of the Revolution well acquainted with Hugh McClure late deceased of Chester District South Carolina whose heirs are now applying for a pension due on the account of the Revolutionary Services of the said Hugh McClure deceased.

This deponent further makes oath that he knew the aforesaid Hugh McClure in the Army of the Revolution that he deponent was in the Army with the said Hugh McClure in the summer of 1780, after the surrender of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. That said Hugh McClure was a Lieut. under Capt. John McClure who was mortally wounded at the Battle of the Hanging Rock, and the said Hugh McClure took the command of the said Company which he commanded for some time to deponent's personal knowledge. That in 1780, Capt. John McClure with his Company joined Sumter's Army while on the march from Hagler's Branch North Carolina and continued with said Army to deponent's own personal knowledge till he deponent left the Main Army in the fall, that after the death of Capt. John McClure the said Hugh McClure was Capt. of said Company.

Sworn to and subscribed the 14th day of June 1846 before me.

S/ A. S. Wallace, Magt.

S/ Robert Wilson



[p 83: Affidavit given by James McClure, son of veteran and his widow, stating that he, James McClure was born September 19, 1787.]

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<sup>5</sup> [Robert Wilson W2302](#)

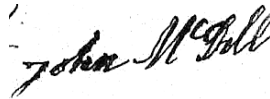
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State of South Carolina Chester District:

Personally appeared before me James B. Magill one of the acting Magistrates in and for the said District John McDill<sup>6</sup> a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States and made oath, in due form of law, that he was in the days of the revolution well acquainted with Hugh McClure late deceased of Chester District South Carolina, whose heirs are now applying for a pension due to the deceased wife and widow of the said Hugh McClure deceased. This deponent further states on oath, that the said Hugh McClure was known and reputed to have been an Officer and Soldier in the Army of the Revolution and as such he served the United States against the common enemy. This deponent also states that there was two of the McClures Officers in the Army of the Revolution the aforesaid Hugh McClure & his brother John, who was amongst the first and most active Whigs in the Country; but that it fell to the lot of deponent never to be out in the same service. That soon after these Surrender of Charleston in May 1780, the said Hugh McClure was wounded in a skirmish with the enemy at or near a place now called Beckhamsville [sic, Beckhamville], and that soon after the said engagement, the said John McClure, who was a Capt. was mortally wounded in the battle of the hanging Rock and died of the wound soon after the said engagement, and that after his death, the said Hugh McClure took the command of his brother's company in which capacity he served as deponent believes, till the end of the Revolution, said McClure's lived in what is now called Chester District South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed this 3rd day of June 1846 Before me  
S/ Jas. B. Magill, Magistrate

S/ John McDill



[pp 93 et seq. : Lengthy and detailed hearsay evidence offered by Peter Wylie and John Rosborough as to the services of Hugh McClure is contained in this file.]

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South Carolina Chester District:

Personally appeared Mary Johnson<sup>7</sup> a highly credible citizen of Chester District and Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$206.20 per annum aged 87 years who being duly sworn according to law says that she was personally and intimately acquainted with Capt. Hugh McClure, Brother of John McClure before, in time of and for many years after the war and in time of the Revolution lived in sight of the said Hugh McClure and well recollects that said Hugh McClure was married to his wife Jane Porter before deponent's own marriage took place and that she herself was married shortly before the defeat of General Sumter at the mouth of Fishing Creek<sup>8</sup> the summer after the reduction of Charleston SC [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in which defeat deponent's father was killed deponent well recollects when said Hugh McClure was wounded in a skirmish with the Tories at the old field near Beckhamville Chester District South Carolina and is fully satisfied that he was married at that time as deponent was with him the night after he was wounded, and that said

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<sup>6</sup> [John McDill S21879](#)

<sup>7</sup> [James Johnson W9088](#)

<sup>8</sup> August 18, 1780 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_fishing\\_creek.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html)

Hugh McClure was always regarded as an excellent Whig but cannot say what rank he held in the Army but knows that he was called Capt.

Sworn to and subscribed this 11th day of October 1851

S/ David Jamison, Magistrate

S/ Mary Johnson, X her mark

S/ Saml McKeown [?]

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South Carolina Chester District:

On this 9th Day of December 1851 before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District and State aforesaid personally appeared Capt. James McClure a resident of said District aged \_\_ 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

This the claimant the aforesaid Capt. James McClure in behalf of himself and the surviving children of Jane McClure his mother wife and widow of his Father Capt. Hugh McClure late of Chester District deceased declares that his Father Capt. Hugh McClure was a Lieut. and Capt. of horse in the Army of the Revolution from June 1780 until the close of the war in 1783 and was generally in service in the above ranks Sumter's Brigade the time above stated.

Declarant further states that his Father Capt. Hugh McClure was married to his mother Jane Porter in Chester District by Wm Gaston Esquire the spring of 1780 and as husband and wife they lived together until the death of said Hugh McClure and would refer the department to his as well as the said James McClure's death now on file in this claim under Act of 7th of July 1838 under which law we obtained a pension as the rate of some \$200 per annum.

Declarant further states that he has often heard his mother the said Jane McClure say that she had to pick the creepers out of her husband's arm after he was wounded as he was concealed near a large pond near the home until he was so far recovered as to join the Company of his brother John McClure on Hagler's Branch and soon after fought the battles of Rocky Mount and Hanging Rock.

Declarant has no record of the marriage of his said Father and Mother has the record was burnt in his Father's house and was never supplied and was advised by Mr. Bettis [?] not to claim under act of 4th of July 1836, until he would examine the claim, but the Bettis soon after Recovering the claim under act of 7th of July 1738, left for California but said he had not prejudiced the claim and that he now makes this application to recover the arrears due under act of 4th of July 1836.

Declarant further says he is and was ignorant of the laws granting pensions and would not have done anything to prejudice his claim if he had known it and that the above has always been his understanding and belief from his mother and others having knowledge of the facts and that Mary Gill, William McClure, Susannah Rowland, Hugh McClure and Declarant are the only surviving Children of his said Father and Mother and all of lawful age.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ Peter Wylie, J &CCOCD

S/ Jas McClure

[p 23 pp 51-52 & pp 97-98 & p 100—SC Comptroller Genl's office certificates of payments made to Hugh McClure or John McClure for services in the Revolution.]

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State of Georgia DeKalb County:

Before me personally appeared Keziah Boyd a resident of said County aged about Eighty-one years who being first duly sworn according to law say that she was born and in South Carolina and was intimately and personally acquainted with Capt. Hugh McClure and wife Jane since 1780 but don't recollect in the year they were married but distinctly recollects the occurrence, and was the sister of the said Hugh McClure's Wife and visited and lived with my sister Jane wife of the said Hugh when he was in service against the Common enemy and well recollect the night the said Hugh McClure was brought home wounded and assisted my sister in dressing his wound until he returned to Camp, don't know only from report what office he held during the war, and was generally in service until the close of the war.

Sworn to and subscribed this 7th day of January 1852

S/ A. Corry, JP

S/ Keziah Boyd, X her mark

[p 29: A note that the pension due the widow's heirs was to be paid to Mary Gill, James McClure, Susannah Rollen, William P. McClure and Hugh McClure, only surviving children of Jane McClure, dec'd.]

[Veteran's widow's estate was granted a pension at the rate of \$211.09 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 and ending August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1838 when she died. The amount of the pension was based on the veteran service as a captain for 5 months and 13 days and as a Lieutenant for 6 months and 28 days.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>9</sup> relating to Hugh McClure pp 4  
Audited Account No. 4938A

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[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 243 Book L dated October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1785 “delivered to Mr. Hugh McCluer [sic] this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE for the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Six Pounds Seven Shillings and ten Pence farthing Sterling for 371 Days Militia Duty as Lieut. & Captain as per Account Audited.”]

[pp 3-4: multiple images of the reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by the veteran whose signature thereon appears as follows:



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<sup>9</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.