

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McSwain <sup>1</sup> W2409 Elizabeth McSwain f46NC  
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State of North Carolina Cleveland County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August sessions 1846

On this 14th day of August 1846 personally appeared Elizabeth McSwain in open Court now sitting and after being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832, that she is the widow of William McSwain deceased, who was a private Soldier in the North Carolina Continental line, and as such served the United States in the War of the revolution for the term of 18 months that he resided in the State of North Carolina, when he entered the Service, and that this Claimant now asks of the Government for a pension, which her husband the aforesaid William McSwain might have been entitled to had he applied in accordance with the above recited act of Congress, and this deponent further declares that she was married to the said William McSwain sometime in the year 1831, and that her late husband the aforesaid William McSwain died on the 9th day of December 1838, and that the paper purporting to be a transfer or sale of William McSwain his wages, for 18 months service in the Continental Service to John Carruth, was found by the executor James McSwain amongst the said William McSwain's valuable papers, and that the only reason why an application has not been made at an earlier day is that she did not know that she was entitled having been married to the said William McSwain at so late a period, and being his second wife. Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written.

S/ Elizabeth McSwain, X her mark

Sworn to in open Court and subscribed before me August 14th 1846

S/ R. Champion, Clerk

S/ by D. Beam, DC

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State of North Carolina Cleveland County

On this 14th day of August 1846 Personally appeared before me B. B. Bridges one of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County James McSwain who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following affidavit is that he is the Executor of the last Will and Testament of William McSwain Late of this County deceased That he while examining the papers of the aforesaid William McSwain Deceased found a paper purporting to be a Transfer of his wages as a Soldier of the Revolution to one John Carruth for Eighteen months Service in the North Carolina Continental Line and That the original Certificate or

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt6449-160-55

Transfer is hereunto appended. This deponent further declares that he is a Son & one of the heirs at law of the aforesaid William McSwain deceased. That the only reason why they did not make application at an earlier day for a Pension is that they were did not know that they was entitled until recently.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & date first above written.

S/ B. B. Bridges, JP

S/ J. McSwain



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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that William McSwain a private Soldier in Capt. Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1782 for the term of 18 months, and that he was transferred in March 1783. It appears on a book of settlements of the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of the revolution that Wm McSwain no doubt the same man was allowed \$26.60/100 as one of the 18 months Drafts.

Given under my hand this 10th day of March 1846

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

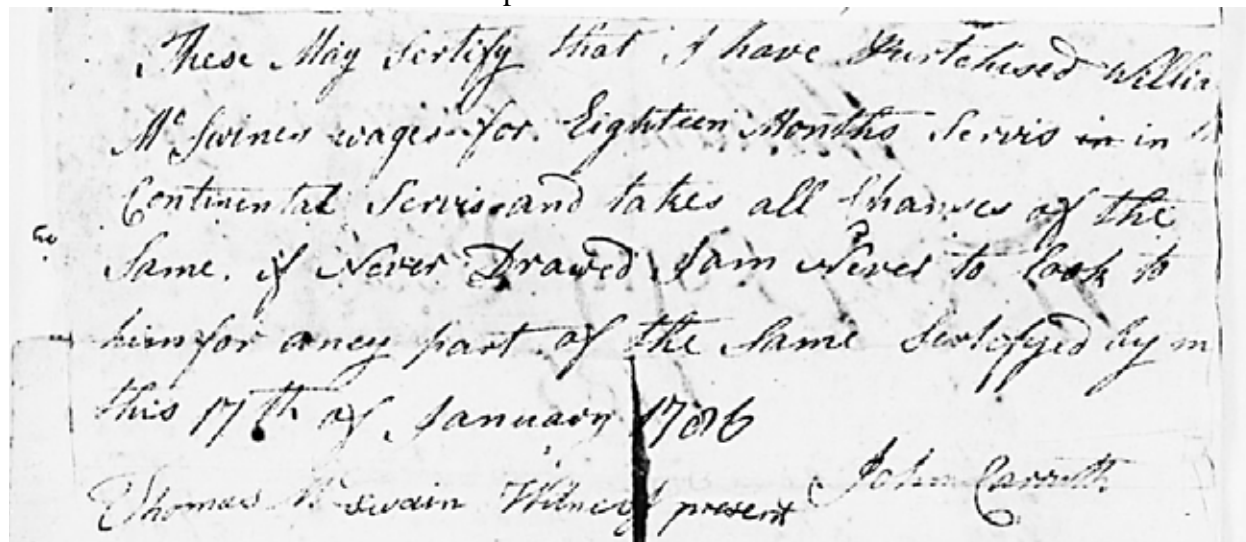
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These May Sertify [certify] that I have purchised [purchased] William McSwaines [McSwain's] wages for Eighteen Months Servis [service] in the Continental Servis and takes all Chances [chances] of the Same, if Never Drawed [drawn] I am Never to look to him for aney [any] part of the Same Sertified [certified] by me this 17<sup>th</sup> of January 1786.

S/ Thomas McSwain

Witness present

S/ John Carruth



[p 10: On April 6, 1853 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Elizabeth McSwain, 74, filed for the pension due her husband as a revolutionary war soldier.]

[p 5: On March 29, 1855 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Elizabeth McSwain, 76 years old

a resident of said County, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of William McSwain she signed this document with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Elizabeth, the widow, was 76 years old when she applied for her bounty land entitlement in 1855; she then lived in Cleveland County, NC; veteran's son, James McSwain, lived in Mooresboro, Cleveland County, NC in 1854.]

[Veteran was granted a posthumous pension in the amount of \$60 per Annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 and ending when he died December 9, 1838. The amount of his pension was based upon 18 months service in the North Carolina Continental line as a private. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]