

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Maclean ¹ W3572

Mary D. Maclean f86NC

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North Carolina Lincoln County:

I William Maclean now in the seventieth year of my age to upon oath certify and declare that in the latter part of the year 1781 or early in the year 1782 I joined the Continental southern Army, as surgeon's mate under Dr. Joseph Blythe and served in the first North Carolina Regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle and continued in service as aforesaid until the close of the War in 1783 when the Regiment was regularly discharged from public service in Charleston South Carolina by the aforesaid Archibald Lytle.

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States, nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever.

Therefore know all men by these presents that I William Maclean, now in the seventieth year of my age do hereby constitute the Honorable Nathaniel Macon to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name, to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States a warrant for the quantity of land due me as a surgeon's mate in the Continental Army. And my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to substitute and appoint, if he thinks proper one or more substitutes under him for the special purposes above expressed.

January 24th 1827

S/ Wm Maclean

January 26th 1827

Test:

S/ Allen Jones, JP

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department

3rd May 1830

The Estate of William Maclean Late of the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828, he states that he was an officer on the Continental line, and served as such until the

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end of the war, at which period he was a Surgeon's Mate in the Regiment of the North Carolina line; and, further, that he received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far these special statements are corroborated by the records in his office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department
Third Auditor's Office

No Commutation was allowed to Surgeon's Mates they not having been commissioned.

It does not appear that William McLain is now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been since the 3rd of March 1826.

It appears from the Book containing the names of Revolutionary Officers, who were entitled to land that William McLain is returned for Bounty land, as Surgeon's Mate, in the North Carolina line.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department Bounty Land office May 10th 1830

It appears upon the Record of Warrants issued, that, Land Warrant No. 1207 for 300 Acres, issued on the 10th of February 1827 in the name of William McClean, a Surgeon's Mate in the North Carolina line.

S/ Wm Gordon

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

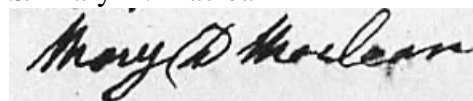
On the 4th day of March 1840 personally appeared before the Court, now sitting, Mrs. Mary Maclean, a resident of Lincoln County in the State aforesaid aged Seventy-three years, who being duly sworn according to law, on her oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows,

That she is the widow of Dr. William Maclean who a surgeon's mate, in the Army of the United States, in the Revolutionary War, that she understood and believes Dr. Blythe was the Surgeon in the same part of the Army and that her late husband was a surgeon's mate with Dr. Blythe, that her husband but remained in the service as a surgeon's mate to the close of the war, that her husband died in this County on the 25th day of October 1828.

That she has no documentary evidence but as her husband was placed on the pension list Roll of the North Carolina agency, and received a pension, She begs to refer to the declaration and accompanying Evidence in the proper department at the City of Washington.

She was married to her late husband Dr. William Maclean in Mecklenburg County on the 19th day of June 1792, by the Rev. James Mackee a Presbyterian clergyman who, then resided in Mecklenburg County. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 at the time above stated, Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ Mary D. Maclean



William D. Alexander a resident in the County of Mecklenburg in said State, appeared in Court and being duly sworn, according to law, aged 76 years, says he was well acquainted with Dr. William Maclean in the year 1775 when the doctor was a student in the College in Mecklenburg County, at Charlotte, which College was then called Liberty Hall, he was also acquainted with Dr. Blythe, who he believes was appointed a Surgeon in the Army of the United States, and knew Dr. William Maclean got the appointment of Surgeon's mate in the Army, and believes he served with Dr. Blythe, in what was then called the Southern Army, with Generals Sumter and Marion, and that he remained in the service in the office of Surgeon's Mate to the close of the war,

That he was well acquainted with the applicant Mrs. Mary Maclean before she was married to Dr. Maclean and was present and witnessed the celebration of the rites of matrimony on the 19th day of June 1792 by the Rev. James Mackee a Presbyterian clergyman who then resided in Mecklenburg County, he has been intimately in well acquainted with the late Dr. Maclean to his death

By the laws of this State the marriage type license is required from the Clerk of the Court, and a Bond and security required in this case I procured the license and filled out the bond, and on the Execution thereof eyewitness the bond, which will accompany this application, which will be found is dated the 18th of June 1792 and signed by the deceased and by Thomas Davidson as Security, that Dr. Maclean died on the 25th day of October 1828. Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written

S/ Wm B. Alexander



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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

On this 4th day of March 1840 Robinson Goodwin [sic, Robison Goodwin]² a Citizen of Lincoln County personally appeared before me David Reinhardt a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and being duly sworn according to law says he is Seventy-five years of age, that he enlisted in the Army of the United States at Salisbury in this State for Eighteen months with Captain Sharp [Anthony Sharpe] and was marched from Salisbury to Ashley Hill in the State of South Carolina in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle], but the Year he does not recollect, where his Regiment joined the Army of General Green [Nathanael Greene], at Ashley Hill he seen Doctor William Maclean who was then in the discharge of the Duty of a surgeon in the Army, from Ashley Hill the Army was marched to James Island near Charleston Doctor William Maclean Continued with the Army as surgeon with a Doctor Blythe who also was a surgeon in the Army; in the time this deponent was on James Island he was sick and was sent to the hospital Doctor William Maclean attended him as a surgeon until he was discharged from the hospital this deponent Served out his time of Enlistment and at the Expiration of 18 Months was discharged and when he left the Army and during all the time of his Service Doctor Maclean performed the duty of a surgeon to the Army, this deponent has lived in this County ever since the Revolution and knew Doctor William Maclean until his death.

Sworn to and subscribed the date & date above written before me

S/ D. Reinhardt, JP

² [Robison Goodwin S6894](#)

S/ Robinson Goodwin, X his mark

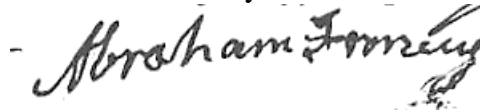
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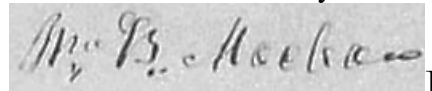
Abraham Forney³ a resident of Lincoln County aged Eighty years was a soldier of the Army of the United States, he first became acquainted with Doctor William Maclean in the Summer of 1780, in the Summer of this year, that Doctor William Maclean was with the troops who were then watching the movements of Major Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson], In the year 1781 this deponent seen Doctor William Maclean in General Greene's Army in the month of May near Camden, after the battle with Rowdin [Lord Rawdon] [Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], he then seen Doctor William Maclean in General Greene's Army doing the duty of a surgeon in the Army; on the 15th day of June following, General Greene's Army marched towards Ninety Six in South Carolina and Doctor Maclean went with Greene's Army this was the last time he seen Doctor Maclean in the Army of the United States. This deponent knew Doctor Maclean from the above time to the time he died and when he met with the Doctor they frequently talk of their services in the Army.

Sworn to and subscribed this 4th day of March 1840 before me
S/ D. Reinhardt, JP

S/ Abraham Forney



[p 17: On June the 11th, 1866 in Lincoln County North Carolina, Dr. William D. Maclean, 63, a resident of Lincoln County, filed a claim stating he is the son of Mrs. Mary D. Maclean, widow of William Maclean, and the brother of Alexander A Maclean of Lincoln County, 70, and Dr. John D. Maclean, 70, and Robert G. McLean, 55 of Gaston County; he states that the above named are all of the surviving children and heirs of Mary D. Maclean; that his mother died March 12, 1862 at age 96 while she lived with her son Robert G. McLean in Gaston County near South Point; that his mother took no part in the recent rebellion being too old to have any interest in politics; he seeks the arrears due her from the last pension payment made to her as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier.



[p 23: is a photocopy of the original marriage bond license dated June 18 1792 issued in Mecklenburg County North Carolina to William Maclean and Thomas Davidson conditioned upon the marriage of William Maclean to Polly Davidson.

³ [Abraham Forney W3976](#)

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA. }
Muhlenburg COUNTY. }

Know all men by these presents, that we

William Maclean and Tho: Davidson

are held and firmly bound unto his excellency *Alexander Spotswood* esquire, governor, captain-general, and commander in chief of the state aforesaid, in the just and full sum of five hundred pounds, current money of this state, to be paid to his said excellency the governor, his successors or assigns; to the which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators. Sealed with our seals, and dated this *Eighteenth* day of *June* Anno Domini *1792*

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, That where- as the above bound *William Maclean* hath made application for a licence for a marriage to be celebrated between him and *Polly Davidson* of the county aforesaid: now in case it shall not appear hereafter that there is any lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, and delivered, }
in presence of
Wm. H. Alexander

W. Maclean Seal
Thos. Davidson Seal