

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hector McNeil (McNeill) W4285 Isabella McNeil f42NC
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State of North Carolina, Moore County: Court of Pleas & Order Sessions November Term 1832

On this 18th day of November personally appeared in open Court before the Justices now sitting Hector McNeill [sic] a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged Eighty two 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 7th, 1832

I Hector McNeil volunteered my Services in the Militia in or about the month of March 1780 or 1781 for a Twelve months Servitude and was placed under the Command of Captain William Lightle [William Lytle] then Commanding the Troops in the County of Cumberland and State aforesaid from thence we marched to Salisbury North Carolina where we Joined the Troops Commanded by Captain Elijah Moore and there were placed under the Command of Colonel John Armstrong we were marched from Salisbury North Carolina to the State of South Carolina where he Joined the Army Commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] whose Army was Stationed on the high hills near Ashley River where we remained from the latter part of April until the first of August 1781 from thence I marched under the Command of Major Griffin McRee [Griffith John McRee] to Wilmington North Carolina where we remained until some time in January 1782 when and where I received a written discharge from Major Griffin McRee and a Certificate from Captain William Lightle from thence I returned home during the Ten months which I Served in the Army to which I was attached & for which I am Entitled to a pension for the same had no engagement the Certificate and discharge which I received I have lost or mislaid being Illiterate and I have no Documentary evidence of my Servitude but I believe that I can prove my Servitude by William Barrott [sic, William Barrett¹] Esq. and James Matthews the latter of which I well recollect and in the Army and a messmate with me and Served under the above named Officers both of which Persons are living in Moore County and State of North Carolina the Affidavits of which Persons are herewith transmitted.

Question 1st: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in the Isle of Skye in the North of Scotland and 1753 or 1752.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have no record of my age

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: When Called into Service I was living in Cumberland County North Carolina I have lived since the revolutionary war and Moore County North Carolina where I now live which was taken from Cumberland County.

1 Probably William Barrett of Moore County, NC who filed for a pension. [William Barrett S8046](#)

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I volunteered my Service for twelve months.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: The names of the officers & the general Circumstances of my Servitude is embodied in my Declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it? Did you ever receive a commission; if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Answer: I received a discharge which was Signed by Major McRee which I have lost or mislaid I never received a commission

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: I am acquainted with Ansel Milton & William Barrett Esq.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Hector Mc Neill, X his mark

[Ansel Milton, a clergyman and William Barratt, Esq. gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Moore County

May the 22 1833 This day Gideon Seawell one of the Justices of the peace for said County personally appeared before him James Matthews² & after being duly sworn maketh oath that he is well acquainted with Hector McNeill a Resident Citizen of the County & State aforesaid & that he has been acquainted with the said Hector McNeill ever since the year 1780 or 1781 that he was his messmate in the Army Commanded by Captain William Lightle that he marched in one of those years from Cumberland County North Carolina to Salisbury North Carolina & from there to the High Hills of Ashley River in South Carolina where General Greene's Army was Stationed & in the Town of Wilmington North Carolina in one of the above named years I was present when Hector McNeil received a discharge from Colonel Griffin McRee for his Service in the militia for twelve months as a Soldier of the revolution at which time & place I received a discharge from the same Officer for a [indecipherable word or abbreviation]³ year Tour If Mr. McNeil Served any longer than twelve months I do not know it but he did serve twelve months and during this time he was my messmate.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th May 1833

S/ G. Seawell, JP

S/ James Matthews, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Moore County

This day personally appeared before me one of the acting Justices in and for said County of more James Munke⁴ and after being duly Sworn Deposeth & Saith that he is well acquainted with Hector McNeill that in March 1780 or 1781 Mr. McNeil was one of the Army which

² This MAY be the same man as [James Matthews S41818](#)

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⁴ [James Munk \(Monk\) S41905](#)

Marched to Salisbury North Carolina in the troops Commanded by Captain Lightle and from thence we marched to Ashley Hill on River in South Carolina where we Joined the Army Commanded by General Greene where Hector McNeill remained for some time until orders was given by Major McRee to march all the Army who had to serve twelve months to the part of Wilmington North Carolina when I understood they were discharged I have been acquainted with Hector McNeill ever since he now lives in the County of Moore and is a man of veracity & truth and I believe he served ten months as he has sworn in his declaration for a pension this the 20th of August 1834.

S/ James Munk, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed on me the 20th of August 1834

S/ Jas. McBryde, Chairman of the Moore County Court

State of North Carolina Moore County

I Hector McNeill after being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God do say that in order to obtain a Pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that in March 1780 or March 1781 I joined the Army as above set forth in my Declaration & under the above named officer & commanders and marched as therein stated whether I served in 1780 or 1781 from old age I cannot recollect but am convinced that I served ten months as to the time I cannot be mistaken from facts & circumstances the affidavits of James Munke and James Matthews proving my servitude is herewith transmitted together with my Declaration & all the facts set forth in the case & further I cannot state. This the 29 day 1834

S/ Hector McNeill, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Moore County

I Alexander C. Curry Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County of Moore do hereby Certify that under the head (Viz.)

Statement of the final Settlement Certificates Issued for the Arrears of pay, Commutation and Gratuity of the officers, non-Commissioned officers and privates of the Late North Carolina Line also of the Balances in Specie, for pay and Subsistence in the year 1782 and 1783 taken from the original Books and Vouchers of Robert Fenner Esq., late agent for Delivering the said Certificates and paying the Specie to the said officers and Soldiers by Abishai Thomas, Agent for settling the accounts of North Carolina with the United States --

Payments in 1782 to the 12 months Drafts --

the name of the applicant Hector McNeil appears on the rolls under the above stated head

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Given under my hand and seal of office this 4th day of September A.D. 1834.

S/ A. C. Curry, C. C. C.

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental Line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Hector McNeill a private in Captain Bailey's Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service on the 16th day of June 1782 for the term of 12 months, and that nothing more is said of him in said rolls.

Given under my hand this 30th September 1834

S/ W. Hill

[Isabella McNeill, widow aged 85 as of July 29, 1845 when she filed for a widow's pension; she states in her petition her husband died September 8, 1842; that her maiden name was Isabella

Murchison; that they were married in Moore County in 1785. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]