

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McMullin (McMullen) W4287 Margaret McMullen f46NC

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State of North Carolina, Caswell County

On this Tenth day of October One thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Two, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of Caswell County Court now sitting John McMullin, a resident of said State of North Carolina and County of Caswell, aged Seventy Six, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Viz: He entered the Service in Captain John Atkinson's Company of Infantry, commanded by Colonel Folesome [Israel Folsome], as a volunteer in the early part of May 1776; that Head Quarters were at Cross Creek, now the Town of Fayetteville, the precise time at which he left the service, after serving in this expedition, is not recollected, but knows that he served at this time six months. He does not recollect that he received a discharge which would have been unnecessary as he and Captain Atkinson lived in the same neighborhood.

That he entered the service again in the early part of July in the year 1780, as a Lieutenant in Captain John Graves' Company, General Butler [John Butler] being the militia General, Collier the militia Colonel and Bedford the militia Major, Brigadier General Smallwood [William Smallwood] and General Guiss [sic, Mordecai Gist] of the Continental line, the Commander in Chief, General Gates [Horatio gates]. In this tour of service, he was in the memorable battle at Camden, South Carolina [August 15-16, 1780] at which place his General or Commander in Chief was defeated. He did not receive a discharge nor does not distinctly recollect the time at which he left the service, but knows his services were required in this tour two months, and were duly and faithfully rendered.

After returning from Gates' Defeat, he received a Captain's commission from Col. James Williams to raise a company of mounted volunteers and marched up in the mountains after the Tories and British under the Command of Col. Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] on or among the mountains. He met with Col. Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Col. Campbell [William Campbell], Col. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and Col. Sevier [John Sevier] with the men under their command. They all joined and after getting on the trail of Ferguson pursued him to King's Mountain at which place there was an engagement [October 7, 1780], which resulted in the death of Ferguson & many others, both of the British & Tories, and we took near seven hundred prisoners who were guarded by Cleveland's Company and mine from

said King's Mountain to the Moravian Town, at which place we guarded them six weeks, when they were [indecipherable word]<sup>1</sup> by Col. Cleveland. He does not recollect the month in which his brevet commission was given very distinctly, but thinks it bore date September 1780. He then left the service again in 1781 having served in this expedition four months. He served also in the year 1781 in some expeditions under Col. Moore, and Genl. Butler, after the Tories, but does not know how long. He therefore claims a pension only for the twelve months as stated above.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

The following interrogatories were propounded by the Court, to the applicant and the following answers received to same:

1<sup>st</sup>: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: In the State of Pennsylvania, Lancaster County on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1757.

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

Ans: I have no record. My age is stated from the best information.

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

Answer: I lived in North Carolina, Orange County, I lived since the Revolutionary War a part of the time in Orange and the remainder in Caswell, though my residence has not been changed but Orange divided and since its division I have lived in Caswell, one of the two formed out of Orange and I live in Caswell now.

4<sup>th</sup> 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?

Ans: I was a volunteer in the time of service in which I acted as a soldier and Lieutenant, the manner of my being called into service on the receipt a commission of a captaincy from Col. Williams has been stated: of course I volunteered.

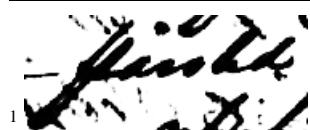
5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: There was as field officers at Cross Creek but Col. Israel Folesome, he had the command of four Captains' Companies, Two of Mounted Infantry and two of Foot men, there were no Continental officers there. IN the expedition to Camden, the Continental officers were Major General Gates, Brigadier General Smallwood and Guiss [sic, Gist] and the militia officers were General Butler, Colonel Collier, Majors Belford and Sharpe.

6<sup>th</sup> 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?

Ans: Yes, Two. One as Lieutenant signed by the Governor of North Carolina. The other as Captain signed by Col. James Williams. I am unable to say positively what has become of them. I may have them now, but if I have, they are laid away some where, so that I have not seen them in several years.

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7<sup>th</sup> 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 known to the most of the Citizens of my County, having represented [them] in the Legislature of the State & from the good opinion they expressed of me by electing me. I presume that they all concur in the opinion that my standing is good for veracity and good behavior; and some of my services as a soldier & an officer in the Revolutionary War I will name Elisha Evans,<sup>2</sup> Thomas Roan,<sup>3</sup> James Rainey,<sup>4</sup> Hon. B. Brown & others.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ J. McMullin



I Elisha Evans a resident of Caswell County and State of North Carolina, maketh oath that the said John McMullin served the first named tour of six months under Captain Atkinson, at Cross Creek, I was very young at the time, but having a brother to die at Cross Creek at the time, has impressed it upon my mind, my brother died out of the said Atkinson's company, I further maketh oath that I was with the said John McMullen the two months tour at Camden and that he acted as Lieutenant under Captain John Graves, And I further swear that I was with the said John McMullen the four months tour at King's Mountain and other expeditions during which time he acted as a Captain.

Sworn to and Subscribed in Open Court.

Test: S/ Paul Haralson, Clk

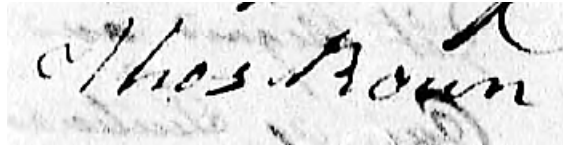
S/ Elisha Evans, X his mark

I, Thomas Roan of the State of North Carolina and County of Caswell make oath that I served in the war of the Revolution with John McMullin, a part of the time he was my Captain, but how long I cannot state positively.

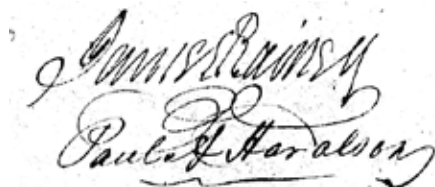
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S/ Thos. Roun [sic]



[James Rainey and Paul A. Haralson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]



<sup>2</sup> [Elisha Evans S6830](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Thomas Roan \(Roun\) S7415](#)

<sup>4</sup> Perhaps the same man as [James Rainey S35599](#)

[p 5: On May 19 1842, Margaret McMullen, 76, filed in Caswell County for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of John McMullen, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$126.66 per annum; that she married him in Caswell County on January 16, 1787; that her husband died August 18 1834. She signed her application with her mark. Her application was witnessed by James McMullen, JP. His relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated.]

[p 7, copy of a marriage bond dated 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1787, signed by John McMullin and John Currie for the marriage of McMullin to Margaret Currie in Caswell County, NC.]

[Facts in the file: veteran was a member of the North Carolina State legislature; he died August 18, 1834.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$126.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a Lieut. & Capt. in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]