

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Griffith John McRey (McRee, McRea, McKree<sup>1</sup>) W4731 Ann f32NC

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State of North Carolina County of New Hanover

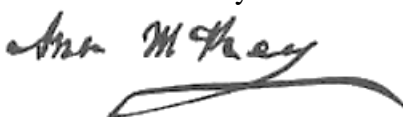
On this 5th day of December 1838 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County above written Mrs. Ann McRee a resident of the Town of Wilmington in the County of New Hanover aged \_\_\_ years who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration 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 Griffith John McRee who was a Major of the North Carolina Line in the War of the who entered the service at the period specified by the commission accompanying this declaration and continued to serve to the close of the war.

She further declares that she was married to the said Major Griffith John McRee on the 21st of July 1785; that her husband, the aforesaid Major Griffith J. McRee died on the 3 day of October 1801; 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 viz. at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me

S/ Wm B. Meares, JP

S/ Ann McRey



Bible record [p 4]

"Griffith John McRee was Born the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Feby. 1758 -- & died 3d of Oct. 1801 ag'd 48 y 8 Ms

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<sup>1</sup> McCrea, McRie are also listed on the file cover.

BLWt1529-400 Major; Issued Feb. 21, 1791 to Abishai Thomas assignee name spelled McRea No papers.

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Be it known that on the 5th day of August 1850 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County Doctor James F. McRee the only living heir at Law of Mrs. Ann McRee Dec'd & widow of the late Major Griffith J. McRee a resident of the County of New Hanover and State aforesaid who after being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress of 7th July 1838, and the Joint Resolution of the 23rd of January 1845. That the declarant the aforesaid Doctor James F. McRee on behalf of himself the only heir now surviving of the said Ann McRee and that she was the widow of Major Griffith McRee a Revolutionary Officer of New Hanover County North Carolina. That she applied for and received a Pension under the Act of the 7th of July 1838 at the rate of \$600 per annum and by the act of the 30th of April 1844 she was prohibited from drawing a pension for the same time which her husband was a pensioner (or ought to have been) -- That her Declaration was under the Act of the 7th of July 1838, was made and filed in the Pension Office before the 30th of April 1844 -- that she drew a pension from the 4th of September 1839 to the 4th day of March 1841 -- And that this declaration is made for the purpose of drawing the pension under the Joint resolution above mentioned viz. -- from the 4th day of March 1836 it being the time her said pension commenced. This declarant further states on his oath that the said Ann McRee died at her late residence in the County of New Hanover & State of North Carolina on the 8th day of August 1842, leaving surviving Doctor James F. McRee who is now the only living heir and child surviving and of lawful age.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year above written before me.

S/ W. C. Bettencourt, JP

S/ James F. McRee

James F. McRee

[p11: digital image of the original commission issued to Griffith McCrea, Esquire, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1781, appointing him a Major in the NC line issued by the Continental Congress and signed by Thomas Mifflin, President of Congress.]

[p 12: original of the commission issued by Congress to Griffith Jno McKree, Gentleman, as

Captain in the 6<sup>th</sup> NC Battalion dated Halifax, April 16, 1776, signed by John Hancock, President]

[p 13: yet another captain's commission issued by Congress to Griffith John McRie Esquire, to serve as captain in the first NC Regiment from the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1776, signed by John Jay, President.]

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I Certify that Major Griffith John McRee Served as Major of Brigade to Genl Hogun, then Commanding at Philadelphia from the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1779 to the 1<sup>st</sup> August & then did duty as such in the first Brigade of N. Carolina troops from the first of August to the 12th of January 1780.

S/ T. Clark, Col. 1<sup>st</sup> NC R.

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[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service as a Major in the North Carolina Continental line.]