

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McCracken W7416

Mary McCracken

f36SC

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State of Tennessee Lawrence County: Circuit Court February Term 1845

Be it remembered that this day the following affidavits & declaration were presented in open Court, & ordered to be placed upon the minutes of the court, to wit: -- State of Tennessee, Lawrence County: SS

On this third day of June 1844, personally appeared before me William W. Evans a justice of the peace in and for said County, Mary McCracken a resident of said County & State aged 85 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 4th 1836, & the act explanatory of said act, passed March 3rd 1837: That she was married to James McCracken on or about the 22nd day of January 1779, that her said husband was a private in the war of the Revolution, & served under Col. Thomas Brandon (or Branon, as pronounced) of South Carolina: Said James served against the Cherokee Indians, & also marched southward against the Florida Indians, in the expedition under St. Clair, & also in the snow camps, so called, in South Carolina. She further declares, on her oath aforesaid, that her said husband died on or about 8th day of August 1824, & that she is now & has remained, a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed (signed)

"Mary McCracken, X her mark"

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 3rd of June 1844

S/ W. W. Evans, JP

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Then came John McCracken who being first duly sworn, according to law, deposeth and saith, that he is the eldest child of James & Mary McCracken, mentioned in the foregoing declaration, & that he was 65 years of age on the 18th day of November last, & that he well remembers to have heard his late father frequently state that he had served through the war of the Revolution as a volunteer; that he was at a battle at Blackstock's Mills [November 20, 1780]¹ (in what is now called Union District), in South Carolina: he said he served under Col. Brandon (sometimes pronounced Branon); also in the Cherokee & Florida expeditions. This affiant remembers his late father often talked of the scarcity of provisions in the Florida expedition, & of the hardship & little effect produced by said Florida expedition. This affiant states that he has read the

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

foregoing declaration of his mother & believes the same to be true: & further this deponent saith that said declaration was made & sworn to before William W. Evans, on the day it bears date, who was then an acting Justice of the said County, but that he has since died.

Sworn to & subscribed (signed)

(signed) John McCracken² in Open court.

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State of Tennessee Lawrence County

Personally appeared before me A. S. Alexander chairman of the County Court of said County, Thomas Davis³ aged eighty-three or eighty-four years, & being first duly sworn depose & saith that he was a soldier in the revolution of 1776, for five years, for which services he now draws a pension. Deponent says he was well acquainted with James McCracken of Union District South Carolina, having served with him in the Cherokee expedition under Col. Brandon, Lieut. Col. Steen & Capt. James Grant & Lieut. Joseph Hayes.⁴ Affiant also remembers to have seen said James in the service of the United States at Charleston South Carolina, Savannah, Georgia, at Ninety Six & other places whose names by reason of his great age & infirmities he has forgotten, but knows that the said McCracken was a soldier of the Revolution & that with him in camps during five or six years. This affiant does not know the precise age of said McCracken but knows he was three or four years, perhaps more, older than himself --. And further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 27th of August 1845

S/ Thomas Davis, X his mark

[p 18: Certificate dated November 10th, 1846 issued by the South Carolina Comptroller General showing payments made to James McCracken a private in Martin's troop of Polk's Regiment Sumter's Brigade for £94 for services in that troop; also payment of £4 for 72 days militia service in 1782; and finally 20 pounds 14 shillings and 3 ¼ pence for duty served in Brandon's Regiment of unspecified length.]

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Marriages

James McCracken & Mary was married 22nd of January 1779

Jane married

Hannah married 27th of June 1804

Nancy married 13th of November 1807

Mary married 5th January 1809

John married 5th of April 1812

Lettice married January 14th 1813

Births

James McCracken in the year of our Lord 1754 December 14th

Mary McCracken his wife was born March 8th 1758

John son of James & Mary was born November 11th 1779

Jane -- September 25th 1781

² not his actual signature

³ [Thomas Davis S1509](#)

⁴ In his own applicant, Thomas Davis named Joseph Jolly as the lieutenant of his company.

Hannah April 26 1784
Nancy July 11th 1786
Mary September 14th 1788
Lettice December 30th 1790
William February 19th 1793 [could be 1795]
James August 11th 1796
Robert Smith March 9th 1798
Jeremiah November 26 1801
Nimrod February 15th 1803
Anson May 3rd 1806

Deaths

James son of James McCracken & Mary died 12th January 1799
Jeremiah McCracken died 28 October 1817
James McCracken died August the 8th 1824
Robert S. McCracken died August the 28th 1832

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's service as a private for 17 months in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James McCrokon (McCracken, McCrackin, McCrackan) AA27

Audited Account Microfilm file No. 4973A

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No. 2392 Book X

12 April 1786

James McCrackan [sic] for 145 days duty as a horseman from 7th May 1780 to 25th June 1781 in Captain Jolley's [Benjamin Jolly's] Company Colonel Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment at 20/[20 shillings per day] £145

Sterling £20.14.3 ¼

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The State of South Carolina

To James McCrackan,

Dr.

To 145 Days Duty as Horseman from the 7th May 1780 to the 25th of June 1781 Inclusive per Pay Bill of Captain Benjamin Jolley Certified by Colonel Brandon at 20/

£145

Stg. £20.14.3 ¼

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Received 12 April 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 2392 Lib. X per Order S/ Jos. Hughes [Joseph Hughes]

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¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

Gentlemen Broderiver [Broad River] Union County May 18th 1786

Please to pay Captain Joseph Hughes such Indent or Indents as May appear to be Due me from the State of South Carolina or the United States and this Shall be your Sufficient Receipt for the Same. Witness

S/ James McCrokon

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James McCrokon". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent "M" and "C".

S/ Charles Sims, JP

To the Commissioners of the Treasury of South Carolina