

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew McClary W7417

Elizabeth McClary f51NC

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### State of Tennessee Claiborne County

Be it remembered that this being the 25th day of April 1833 personally appeared before me William Fugate one of the acting Justices of the peace of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions held for said County the same being a Court of Record, Andrew McClary aged 78 years who being first 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.

This applicant begs leave to represent to the department that he is now afflicted, and has been so afflicted for upwards of two years and a half and that he has been entirely confined to his bed, and that he has not been able to walk across the house during that time without assistance, he states that he resides about ten miles from the Court-house in said County, and that it would be out of his power to attend Court without greatly injuring his health or taking his life for he is so weak and infirm that he cannot set up in his bed but a few minutes at a time -- he further states that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he resided in the State of North Carolina in the County of Orange and that the present applicant was elected Cornet in the light horse Company which was organized at Hillsboro commanded by Capt. John McClary, and Lieut. Elliott [John Elliott]. We then marched to Camden in the State of South Carolina at which place Capt. John McClary was appointed to command the Corps of Horse from the District of Hillsboro, and by an Order from Col. Thomas Wooten Lieut. Elliot was appointed to the command as Capt., and the present applicant was appointed Lieut. and Thomas Keats Cornet, which said Order was issued on the 19th of August 1781 and is herewith respectfully submitted to the department and prays that it may be taken as evidence of his Services. Applicant states that he was induced to take more care of this Document in consideration of the important Testimony which has since been taken on the other side of the paper, and this applicant begs leave further to represent to the department that before the Army left Camden and after he had been promoted to the office of Lieut. that he received another Order from the commanding Officers dated Camden August 27th 1781 which said Order commanded this applicant to impress horses and saddles and bridles for the use of three British officers whom he had made prisoners (to wit) Capt. Campbell Lieut. McGregor and Ensign Robinson, and to proceed with them as far as the Waxhaws which he did accordingly, and there billeted them in obedience to orders among the inhabitants, and before this applicant returned General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] had fought the long expected battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and which said above last mentioned Order is herewith respectfully Submitted to the department, and which he begs may be regarded as evidence of his Services in the cause of his suffering Country. This applicant states that he has taken much pains to preserve this document in consideration of the agreement which is written on the back of said document. This applicant begs leave to represent further to the department in a short time before the Battle

at Guilford [March 15, 1781] while the British were marching through Orange County in the State of North Carolina himself and a certain John Guin as light horseman after night went to the house of a Tory near the Camp of the British, and there surprised and made prisoner of a Tory Captain, and delivered him to Col. Edward Guin [Edward Gwinn] who then commanded the Guard at Haw River Ford, and a short time afterwards this applicant was furloughed home to attend to his family who were much afflicted with the smallpox and before this applicant could leave his family in safety and join the Army the Battle of Guilford was fought, this applicant states that it was early in the spring of 1781 that he was promoted to the Office of Cornet in the Corps of the light horse and that he was never again during the War reduced in the Ranks, as a private. This applicant states that he received his commission which he kept for some time but that he has lost or mislaid it so that he cannot produce it, and he also states that from his great bodily infirmity that he cannot give as correct a statement of all his services as he would desire. This applicant begs leave further to represent that sometime in the spring of the year 1778 he resided in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina and that he there volunteered his services in the Army of the United States in the North Carolina line under Capt. Hodge [George Hodge] for the term of nine months, and that he was attached to the fourth Regiment as well as he can remember Commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle. He then marched to Camden in the State of South Carolina, and from thence to Smokey Camp ten miles this side of Charleston where we joined the Brigade commanded by Gen. Malmedy [sic, Col. Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne], and from there we marched to the Savannah River to a place called Purrysburg in the State of Georgia where we were Stationed a considerable length of time he states that during that campaign he had no general engagement but at different times we had engagements with the picket Guards and Scouting parties, and some time after his Term of Service expired this applicant received his discharge from Col. Lytle which said discharge he has lost or mislaid so that he cannot produce it. And this applicant begs leave to represent that it was his misfortune to live at that time in a Tory settlement and always thought that his life was in danger when at home, and consequently thought himself more safe in the Army, and after he returned home from the last above mentioned Campaign he then substituted himself to serve in the place of Elijah Mason of Caswell County North Carolina, and he accordingly performed the tour of duty which the said Mason was bound to do, and afterwards I also substituted myself in the service of my country in the room and stead of George Bradford a Citizen of Orange County in said State of North Carolina which said Tour of duty I also performed. Applicant states that he thinks that it was in the year 1779 and 1780 that he performed the above named services. This applicant states that he received his discharge from Col. Lytle which he has lost or mislaid so that he cannot produce them. This applicant begs leave to represent to the department that he herewith respectfully submits to the department a Certificate certified by the Clerk of the County Court of Orange County in the State of North Carolina which said Certificate likewise shows that this applicant's name is found on the Soldiers Book kept in his office all of which is respectfully submitted, and he prays may be made part of the Testimony in this application, he states that the above named documents is all the documentary evidence that he has in his possession, and that he knows of no living Testimony by whom he can prove his Services. And this applicant further states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and the following grades: three months as Cornet of horse and six months as Lieut. of horse, and two years as a private in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll or agency of any State whatsoever.

Questions put by Justice before on this Declaration is made

When and where were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1754. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Answer. I have a record of my age and it is now in my house. 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 the counties of Mecklenburg and Orange in the State of North Carolina when I was called into Service, and after the Revolutionary War I lived a while in the State of North Carolina and I now live in the County of Claiborne in the State of Tennessee. How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? Answer. I volunteered, and substituted for two individuals whose names are stated in this declaration (Elisha Mason and George Bradford). State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Answer. I was well acquainted with Col. Lytle. I knew Generals Morgan, Greene and others. Did you ever receive a Commission and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it. Answer. I did receive a commission which came through the hands of Col. Lytle to me which said Commission I have lost or mislaid so that I cannot produce it. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? I did receive several from Col. Lytle, all of them I have lost or mislaid so that I cannot produce them. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution. Edward Walker, John Jones, Thomas P. Coleman, Isaac Croxdale, Jacob Dobkins and Henley Fugate all know me.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this day and date above written  
S/ William Fugate, JP

S/ Andrew McClary, X his mark

[Edward B. Walker, 76, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

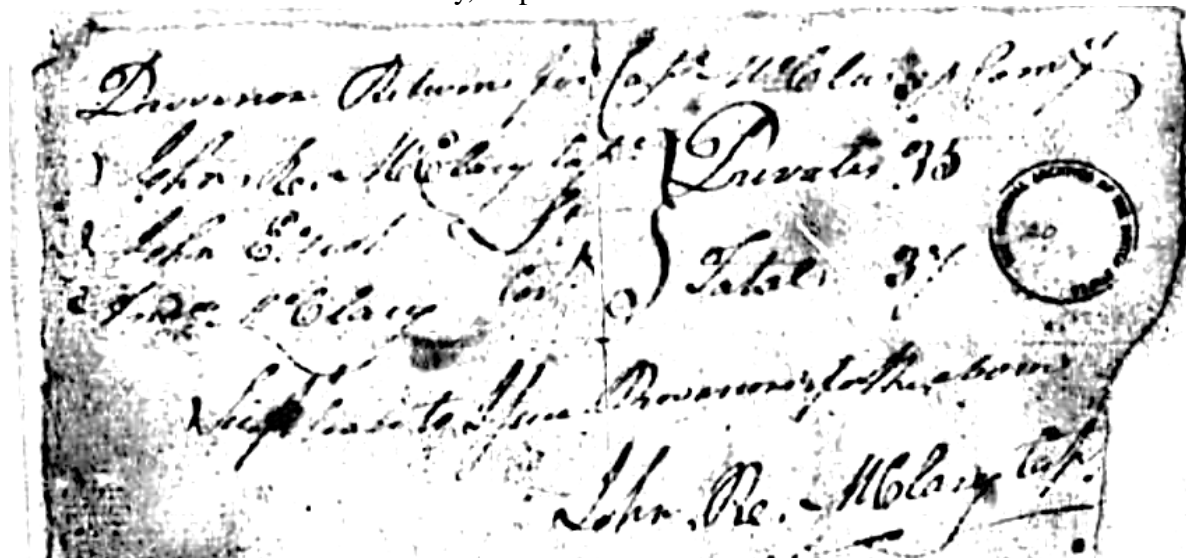
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Provision Return for Capt. McClary's Compy

John McClary Capt	}	Privates 35
John Elliot, Lt.	}	Total 37
And <sup>w</sup> McClary, Cornt	}	

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S/ John Re. McClary, Capt.



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State of North Carolina

I Morgan Hart Clerk of the County Court of Orange County do hereby certify that there appears on the Soldiers book kept in my office a claim in the name of William McClary No. 620 for £41.15.1 drawn by C. Dixon, which Claim stands on the book, next below to Andrew McClary's claim which appears to be drawn likewise by C. Dixon.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1790

S/ Morgan Hart, Clk.

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Sir

Camden August 27, 1781

You are hereby authorized to impress horses and saddles and bridles for the use of Capt. Campbell Lieut. McGregor and Ensign Robinson to proceed as far as the Waxhaws and then to be returned to their owners

S/ Edm. M. Hyr.

D. Camp

To Lieut. Andrew McCary [sic]

The image shows a handwritten document on aged, yellowed paper. At the top right, it is dated "Camden August 27 1781" with a small number "4" above it. The text is written in cursive and reads: "You are hereby authorized to impress horses saddles and bridles for the use of Capt. Campbell Lieut. M. Gregor and Ensign Robinson to proceed as far as the Waxhaws and then to be returned to their owners". Below this, the signature "Edm. M. Hyr." is written, followed by "D. Camp" and a circular seal. At the bottom left, the recipient is addressed as "To Lieut. Andrew M. Cary".

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County

This amendment is made to the Declaration of Andrew McClary for a pension made before me John Mason one of the acting justices of the peace in and for the County of Claiborne and State aforesaid and he makes this his Relinquishment to the Government of the United States for that portion of his services which he claims of the United States as a cornet and as a Lieut. in the Corps of horse and only claims the amount of pay as a private in the Army of the United States as described in his declarations for he has no documentary or living testimony by whom he can prove his services as a private or as an officer as he has any knowledge of as prescribed by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

S/ Andrew McClary, X his mark

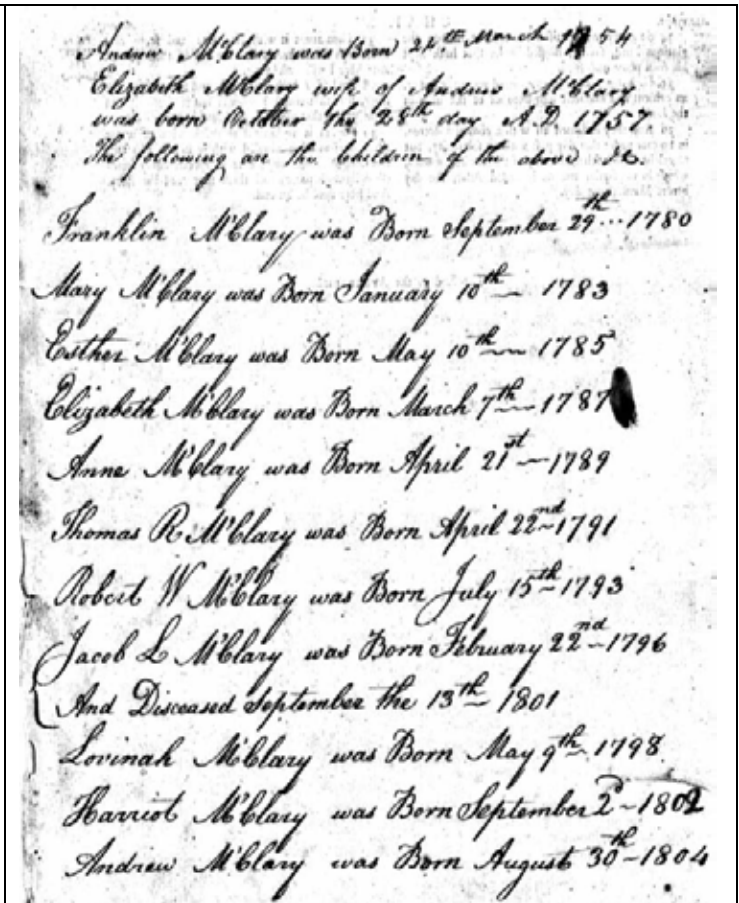
Acknowledged to before me this 18 November 1833

S/ John Mason

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Bible Record

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Elizabeth McClary wife of Andrew McClary  
was born October 28th day A.D. 1757  
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Elizabeth McClary was born March 7th, 1787  
Anne McClary was born April 21st, 1789  
Thomas R. McClary was born April 22nd, 1791  
Robert W. McClary was born July 15th, 1793  
Jacob L. McClary was born December 22nd,  
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and deceased September 13, 1801  
Lovinah McClary was born may 9th 1798  
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Andrew McClary was born August 30th, 1804



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[p 7 On February 4, 1839, Elizabeth McClary, upwards of 81 years old, filed in Claiborne County Tennessee for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Andrew McClary, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him on November 7, 1777; that she was born October 28, 1757; that her husband died in the year 1833 in the month of November as well as she can recollect; that they were married in Orange County North Carolina by John Ray, Esquire justice of the peace.]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 3 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 23, 1833.]