

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McLaughlin (McGlothlin)¹ W7436 Judith McLaughlin f42NC
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State of Virginia Tazewell County

On this twentieth day of November 1832 personally appeared John McLaughlin in open court before the Justices of the County of Tazewell aforesaid, it being a court of record having power to fine and imprison, and keeping a record of all its proceedings, a resident of said county of Tazewell and state of Virginia aged he thinks seventy six years on the 26th day of January next, 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. That he enlisted in the army of the united States he thinks about the year 1778 or 1779 under Capt. Michael Dickson, Lieutenant William Henderson, for the term of three years or during the war, that he served under different officers, and was attached to different regiments during his term of service, he served a part of his time under Col Samuel Lock [?], and a part of the time under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], also General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] who was the commander in Chief, that he served the full term of three years and was discharged at Guilford in North Carolina and received a written discharge but from whom he does not now recollect, which has been lost by time and accident so that it cannot be now produced. That at the time of his enlistment he was a citizen of Mclinburg [sic, Mecklenburg] County in the state of North Carolina on Crooked Creek, that he marched to the frontiers of Georgia to Rogers Fort, where he remained about one year perhaps more, on Ogechee [sic, Ogeechee] river, from whence he was marched to Augusta on Svanah [sic, Savannah] river, when he remained a short time, when the troops received order to go to Briar Creek Bridge, where they marched, and that he was in the battle fought there with the British & Tories, at what time it was fought his memory does not at this late date serve him. From there he was marched to Sunsbury [Sunbury] where he was stationed some time, but the precise time he cannot at present state; From there he marched to Augusta Castle, or perhaps he marched to Savannah first where they had a battle with the British, and there he then received a wound in the right nee [sic, knee], the ball passing through the fleshy part of the leg a small distance above the knee, which at this day is occasionally very painful to him, From there he was removed he thinks to a place called Midway where he remained until he was able to do duty again, and joined the army again on the South side of Savannah in or near George Golfins [George Galphin's] and from there he was marched towards Augustine to storm Brown's Fort who was stationed there, but owing to some delay in consequence of the some of the baggage horses having been hamstrung by the Tories, the Fort was burnt down by Brown himself after hiding the munitions of war it contained in different places, before we got there, they found large quantities of arms, Blankets, rum, wine, and many other articles, which they had hid in different places; From there he crossed the Savannah river and came over into the South state, for the purpose of assisting General Gates [Horatio Gates], but before he arrived to his relief the battle [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] was fought, and he was defeated, from there he was marched to a

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place called the Race Pathes [Race Paths, February 25, 1781], and was in the battle fought there with the British and Tories. From there he was marched to a place called Whitsels mill [Weitzel's or Whitesell's Mill, March 6, 1781] in the state of North Carolina, where he was in the battle fought there, with the Tories and British, From there he was marched to a place called Rocky Mount where he was in a small scrimmage. And from there he was marched to Guilford, where he arrived a short time after the battle of Guilford [Guilford County Court House, March 15, 1781], and was there discharged as above stated. That he has no record of his age that he can resort to at this time. That after his discharge he went to Cumberland County in North Carolina, where he resided about three or four years, From there he removed into Randolph County in the State of North Carolina where he remained several years, From there he removed onto Patrick County Virginia, and from there he removed to the Western Country in the neighborhood as where his now, and has ever since resided in. He hereby relinquished every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or Territory whatsoever.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

John McLaughlin, X his mark

State of Virginia Tazewell County

On this twentieth day of November 1832, John Bruit [?]² appeared in open court and after being duly sworn according to law, states that he is well acquainted with John McLaughlin who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; and that he believes him to be of the age of seventy six years, as he states, that he saw him in the service of the United States as a regular soldier, both in the state of South and North Carolina, and that he saw him while he was wounded and before he got well, his wound was in the right leg above the knee, the he saw him in the service in the following years to wit, 1788 - 1789 - 1781. That he did not see him in the year 1780, because he had gone home that year. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Bruit, X his mark

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Virginia Tazewell County: SS

On this twenty-third day of April 1833 personally appeared John McLaughlin in open court before Benjamin Estill Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for Tazewell County it being a court of record having power to fine and imprison, and keeping a record of their proceedings, a resident of said County of Tazewell and State of Virginia, aged he thinks Seventy Six years on the 26th day of January last – 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, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States he thinks about the year 1778 or 1779 under Capt. Michael Dickson, Lieut. William Henderson, for the term of 3 years, or during the war, that he served under different officers, and was attached to different regiments during his term of service, he served a part of his time under Col. Samuel Jack, and a part of the time under General Sumter, and also General Green – who was the commander in chief, that he served the full time of 3 years the term of his enlistment aforesaid, and was discharged at Guilford in North Carolina, and received a written discharge but from whom he does not now recollect, which has been lost by time and accident so that it cannot now be produced. That at the time of his enlistment he was a citizen of the County of ___ in the State of North Carolina on Crooked Creek, that he was marched to the frontiers of Georgia to Roadger's Fort, where he remained about one year or perhaps more, on Ogeechee River, from whence he was marched to Augusta on

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Savannah River, where he remained a short time, when the troops received orders to go to Briar Creek Bridge, whether they marched, that he was in the battle fought there with the British and Tories [March 3, 1779] at what precise time it was fought his memory does not now at this late period serve him, from thence he was marched to Sunbury where he was stationed for some time but the period of time he cannot at present state, from thence he marched to Augustine Castle, or perhaps he marched to Savannah first – where they had another battle with the British, and that he then and there received a wound in the right knee, the ball passing through the flesh he part of the leg a small distance above the knee which at this day is very painful to him, from thence he was removed he thinks to a place called Midway, where he remained until he was able to do duty again, and then joined the Army again on the South side of Savannah River near one George Golfins there he was marched towards Augustine to Storm Brown's Fort, who was stationed there, but owing to some delay in consequence of some of the baggage horses having been ham stringed by the Tories, the Fort was burnt down by Brown himself after hiding all the munitions of war it contained in different places before he got there, they found a large quantity of arms, Blankets, rum, wine, and many other articles which they had he had in different places; from there he crossed the Savannah River and came over into the South state for the purpose of assisting General gates, but before he arrived to his relief the battle was fought, and he was defeated; from there he was marched to a place called the race paths, and was in the battle fought there with the British and Tories; from there he was marched to a place called Whitsel's Mill in the State of North Carolina where he was in the battle fought there with the British and Tories, From there he was marched to a place called Rocky Mount where he was in a small scrimmage; and from there he was marched to Guilford, where he arrived a short time after the Battle of Guilford, and was there discharged as above stated. That he has no record of his age – he can prove at this time. That after his discharge he went to Cumberland County in the State of North Carolina, where he resided about 3 or 4 years, from thence he removed to Randolph County in the same state, where he resided some years. From there he removed to Patrick County in Virginia, & from there he removed to the Western Country into the neighborhood where he now, and has ever since resided. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever or any annuity whatever except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or territory whatsoever, Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John McLaughlin, X his mark

[William McGuire, a clergyman, and George Steele gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina

Secretary of States' 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, that John McGlouhlin a private in Capt. Smith's company of the 4th Regiment enlisted the 6th of May 1776 for 3 years and was discharged the 14th May 1779.

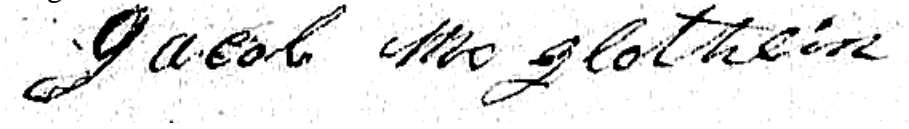
Given under my hand this 27th of May 1833

S/ Wm Hill

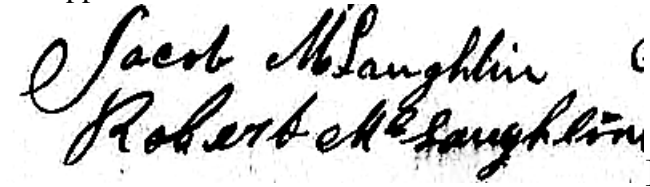
[p 13: On February 5, 1858 in Tazewell County Virginia, Judy McGlothlin, 95, applied for a widow's pension under the 1848 Act granting pensions to certain widows; she states that she is the widow of John McGlothlin, a pensioner of the United States on the rolls of the Virginia agency at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him in South Carolina on or about April 1 1785; that one William Grimes, a minister of the gospel performed the ceremony; that her name prior to her marriage was Judy Leathers; that from old age she cannot recall in what County she was married; that her husband died at his residence in Tazewell County Virginia February 17, 1848 and that she is now his widow. She

signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On February 5, 1858 in Tazewell County Virginia, Jacob McGlothlin, 67, gave testimony that he is the 3rd child of John and Judy McGlothlin; that from his earliest recollection his parents lived together as man and wife and raised a large family of 13 children the eldest of which if living would now be 73 years of age; that his mother has lived with her children in Tazewell and Russell County's Virginia since the death of his father.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob McGlothlin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 17: On September 13, 1858 in Tazewell County Virginia, Judith McLaughlin filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner, John McLaughlin. She signed this document with her mark. This application was supported by affidavit of Jacob and Robert McLaughlin stating that the widow is the identical person she represents herself to be. Their relationship, if any, to the applicant is not stated.

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "Jacob McLaughlin" and the bottom signature reads "Robert McLaughlin". Both are written in dark ink with a slanted, flowing style.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]