

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Muckelroy (McKleroy, McElroy) W8272

Mary McElroy

f47NC

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State of Georgia of Madison County: SS

On this fourth day of November 1844 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Inferior Court for said County and State Mrs. Mary McKleroy a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged ninety-four years past -- who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836. That she is the widow of John McKleroy who was a private soldier and served in the war of the revolution in the North Carolina Militia -- that the said John McKleroy resided in Wake County State of North Carolina during the revolutionary war. That he was drafted about the year 1778 and served a tour in Capt. Lewis Bledsoe's Company of Infantry -- the other officers not known by deponent -- that he faithfully served and received a regular discharge. And this deponent further states that the said John McKleroy was drafted (or volunteered) for a second tour sometime in the year 1779 (or 1780) and served in Capt. James Jones Company -- the other officers not known by deponent -- that he faithfully served the last named tour of duty out -- and received a regular discharge -- the discharges deponent is unable to annex. She states that she handed them to Augustus Crawford in the year 1838 in order to procure her pension and that the said Crawford shortly afterwards removed to some distant Country and that she deponent ascertained his address and wrote him a letter of inquiry respecting said discharges and has never received an answer from him. And deponent further states that the said John McKleroy was drafted (or volunteered) for a third tour the year 1781 and faithfully served out his term and received a discharge from under the hand of (Sergeant of Company) by order of General Butler [John Butler] which last mentioned discharge is herewith transmitted. That she deponent believes that the said John McKleroy served six months in each of the first two tours and twelve months in the last named tour making two years that he faithfully served his Country in the War of the Revolution & in the North Carolina Militia -- that he was engaged in the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] & received a slight wound in the back part of the neck that she does not recollect of his being in any other Battle whilst in the service of the United States that deponent cannot state with certainty any of the officers whom he served under other than Capt. Bledsoe, Capt. Jones and General Butler. That she knows of no person living who can testify to his services. That she has no proof in possession further than the last named discharge. And deponent further states that the said John McKleroy died on the ___ day of ___ 1794 in the County of Oglethorpe State of Georgia. And deponent declares that she was legally married to the aforesaid John McKleroy on the ___ day of

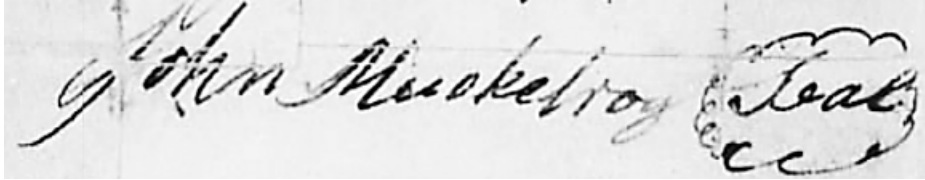
__ 1772 by a Justice Peace (Mr. Himes) in Wake County North Carolina and settled on the Waters of Marsh Creek in said County and State where they resided for the space of 2 years and removed on the waters of Leek Creek, where they resided pending the War and a few years after peace was made and from thence they removed to (Wilkes County formally now) Oglethorpe County State of Georgia where her husband died on the day aforesaid. That she has no documentary [evidence] of their having been married that she knows of no person living who can testify to the fact. That the oldest and longest acquaintance that she knows of living within her present knowledge is Robert Floyd who received his first nourishment from her Breast. That the leaf hereunto annexed¹ is the only family Record her husband ever had and contained a true record of their Children's ages in the handwriting of she knows not whom and deponent further states that Jacob their oldest child was born (on Marsh Creek) on the __ day of__ 1773. That she has remained a widow ever since the period of her husband's death all of which will more fully appear by reference to prove hereto annexed.

S/ Mary McKleroy, X her mark

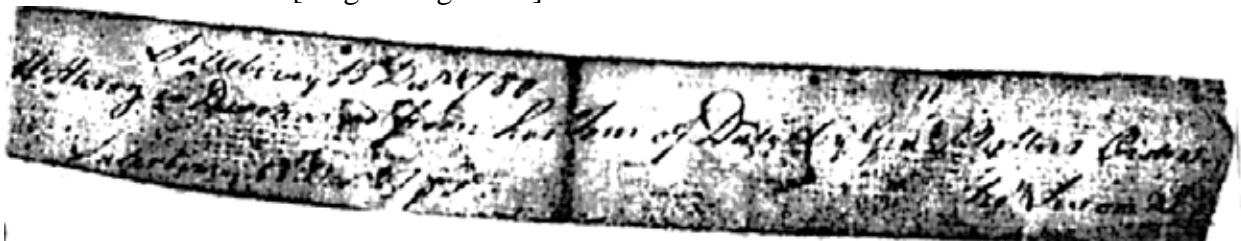
[Attested by William Sanders, JIC]

[p 9 is a copy of the order appointing Mary Muckleroy and Jacob Muckleroy executrix and executor of the estate of John Muckleroy dated February 19, 1795 issued in Oglethorpe County, Ga.]

[p 12: A promissory note dated May 27, 1772 signed by John Muckelroy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Muckelroy" followed by a circular seal or stamp.

[p 14 is a portion of what appears to be a discharge "Salisbury 13th [could be "15th"] Decr. 1780 "McHlroy is Discharged from his Tour of Duty by Genl Butlers Orders"
[illegible signature]

A horizontal strip of a document with handwritten text in cursive. The text is partially legible and includes "Salisbury 13 Decr 1780" and "McHlroy is Discharged from his Tour of Duty by Genl Butlers Orders".

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¹ This MAY be the totally illegible document fragment posted on p 15 as follows:

A horizontal strip of a document with handwritten text in cursive. The text is mostly illegible due to fading and the angle of the fragment.

Philip R. C
Compt. Office

I William H. Collins Compt. of Public Accts
in and for the State of North Carolina do
hereby Certify that the Name of Geo. McKroy
appears of Record in this Office as having had
issued in his favor for Military services the
following Specie Certificates (Viz) One for Nine
Pounds Two Shillings (£9.2) see Book No 1 page 27. One
Other for Twenty Pounds Five Shillings (£20.5) see Book
No 6 page 25 another for Nine Pounds Two Shillings
(£9.2) see Book No 4 page 28 Another for Eight
Pounds Four Shillings (£8.4) see Book No 2 page
46 Another for Nine Pounds Two Shillings (£9.2)
see Book No 16 page 25 and one other for
Twenty Pounds Five Shillings (£20.5) see Book
No 8 page 44 given under my hand and seal
This 26th day July 1845

Wm H. Collins
Compt.

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State of Georgia Pike County

Be it known that on the 27th day of November 1844 before me Archibald A. Gauling a Justice of the Peace for said County and State personally appeared Daniel Orr² a resident of said County and State aged 84 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath and reply to the foregoing Interrogatories make the following statements to wit that he resided in Wake County State of North Carolina during the War of the Revolution. That he was acquainted with John McKleroy of the same place. That he is of opinion that he said John was generally in the service of the United States from the year 1778 to the Close of the War and was true to the American Cause. That the said John was a private in Capt. Lewis Bledsoe's Company of Militia and was engaged in the Battle against the Tories fought at Lindley's Mills [September 13, 1781]³

² [Daniel Orr R7813](#)

³ Notwithstanding this witness's testimony, it is virtually impossible that this veteran was in both the Battle of Eutaw Springs on September 8, 1781 (as claimed by his widow) and the engagement at Lindley's Mill on September 13, 1781 (claimed by this witness). Even the locale of his services and the officers named, I think it most likely he was

and deponent thinks was present when Col. Robert Maban [sic, Robert Mebane] was killed while in pursuit of the Tories deponent did not know the said John as a soldier only as above stated. That deponent was a volunteer in Capt. McCuller's [Matthew McCullers of Johnston County, NC) Company and united with Capt. Bledsoe's Company and the two Companies remained together some few days which is the only time deponent knew the said John McKleroy as a soldier. And deponent further states that so far as he knows the said John was reputed and generally believed in his neighborhood to have been a faithful soldier and true to the American Cause and he concurs in that opinion.

S/ Daniel Orr

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Orr".

[p 40 is a copy of the veteran's will leaving his estate to his wife Mary during her life, then to 'equally Divided amongst my Children then living or their heirs.'" He names his wife and son as executrix and executor of his estate. The will is dated October 8, 1777 [? last two digits are unclear—could be "1779. The veteran signed this document with his mark after "John McElroy"]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 11 months in the North Carolina militia.]