

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McCool [McCool] W9546

Jane McCool

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

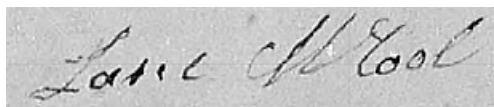
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State of South Carolina York District: SS

On this 2nd day of May 1840 personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice of Quorum in and for the district aforesaid Jane McCool a resident of Chester district & State aforesaid aged Seventy-seven years lacking 2 months 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 John McCool deceased who was an officer in the revolutionary war. She further declares that she was married to the said John McCool deceased on the 9th day of February 1785 and her husband the aforesaid John McCool departed this life on the 7th of September 1815 that she never was married to any other, and that she did not marry him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first January 1794, viz., at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed this day & year above written before me
S/ James R. Williams, QU

S/ Jane McCool



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State of South Carolina York District: Robert Willson¹ [sic] one of the soldiers of the revolutionary war personally appears before me and on oath declares that he was personally acquainted with Capt. John McCool during the greater part of the revolutionary war and served under him as a private at the Battles of Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]² and Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780]³ &c &c . He also states he was acquainted with Jane Love before she intermarried with Capt. John McCool deceased and now knows her to be the widow of Capt. John McCool deceased the same under whom he served and that he never knew any other revolutionary soldier or officer by the same name.

Sworn to and subscribed this 15th day of June A.D. 1840 Before me

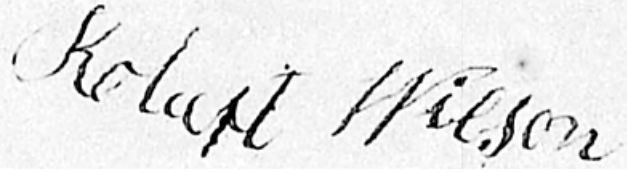
¹ [Robert Wilson W2302](#)

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

S/ William Jamieson, QU

S/ Robert Wilson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Wilson".

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State of South Carolina York District

James A. McCool personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice of Quorum and being duly sworn states that his mother Jane McCool widow of John McCool deceased through bodily infirmity is unable to attend Court that the family record stands thus in the known handwriting of John McCool deceased viz.

"John McCool and Jean [sic] was married February 9th 1785["] and the entry of Decease is written in the handwriting of Deponent viz. "John McCool deceased September 7th 1815 aged 57 years 8 months & 25 days"

Sworn to and subscribed this 2nd May 1840 before me.

S/ J. A. McCool

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. A. McCool".

S/ James R. Williams, QU

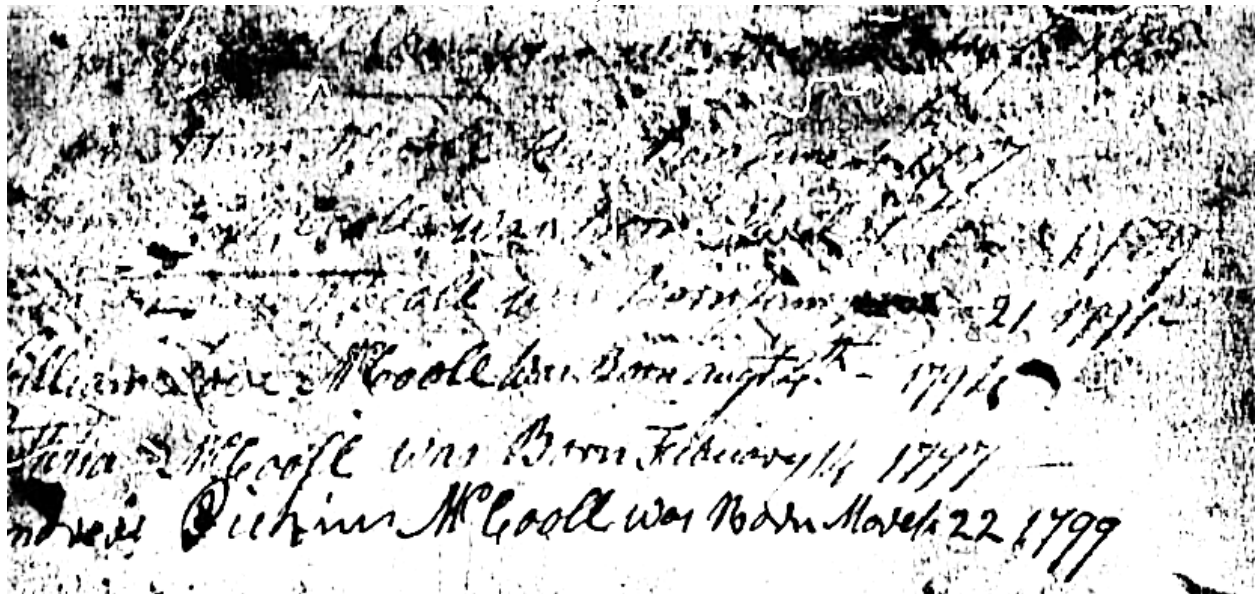
[pp. 3-4 contains the family record of this family. A large portion of this record is illegible. What I think I can make out appears to me to read as follows:

[There are illegible entries above the following:]

"William Love McCool was Born Augt. 4th 1795

Letitia McCool was Born February 14 1797

Andrew Pickins McCool was Born March 22, 1799

A photograph of a handwritten document with several lines of text. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed transcription provided in the previous blocks. The entries are: "William Love McCool was Born Augt. 4th 1795", "Letitia McCool was Born February 14 1797", and "Andrew Pickins McCool was Born March 22, 1799".

John McCool his Bible Bought
 on Dan River State of Virginia At the Sale
 of Andrew McCool Estate

John McCool was Born in the year of our Lord 1757 Decr. 12th

Ino McCool Deceased September 7th 1815

aged 57 years 8 months & 25 days

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[p 27: Indent for service as Lt. and Capt. in the Horse in 1780, '81 & '82; Indent for service as a Lt. for 75 days and as Captain for 328 days, all in Thomas Sumter's Brigade.]

Indent Book
 O A^o 94 } Issued the 26th January 1785 to
 Mr. John McCool for One hundred
 and Ninety eight pounds 2/1/2 Sterling
 for Militia duty as Lieut. and Captain
 of Horse in 1780. 81. & 82. for det. and
 L198. 2. 1/2

no 1

no 2
 The State of South Carolina
 1780 To John McCool
 75 days duty as Lieutenant of Horse
 in Genl. Sumter's Brigade @ 24s/1/2 per day } L168. 15. 0
 1781 & 82. 328 days as Captain of Horse
 in Sumter's Brigade @ 70s/1/2 per day } 1218. -
 Currency } L1386. 15. 0
 L198. 2. 1/2

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[p 28: Indent for services as private and Lt. under Andrew Williamson in 1779 & 1780 and as Lt. under Col. Richard Winn in 1780.]

Indent Book }
 O No 91 } Issued the 26th Jan'y 1785 to Mr
 No 1 } John M^c Cool for twenty-five pounds
 ten shillings and 8 pence halfpenny
 for Militia ^{only} at a private, and Lieutenant
 of Horse in 1779 & 1780. Pr^o aut. audited
 £25.. 10. 8¹/₂

No. 2
 The State of South Carolina
 1779 To John M^c Cool
 Feby 8 4 }
 apr 5 } 57 days duty in Genl. Williamson
 Brigade on Horseback @ 20/1¹/₂ day } £37. 0. 0
 June & July } 43 days duty in Genl. Williamson
 Brigade on Horseback @ 20/1¹/₂ day } 13. 0. 0
 1780 }
 April & May } 35 days as Lieut of Horse in
 Col. John Winns Reg^t. @ 45/1¹/₂ day } 78. 15. 0
 Currency } £178 15
 Sterling } £25. 10. 8¹/₂

Comptroller Genl Office
 Columbia S. C. 23 March 1840

[p 29: Indent for service as a captain under Col. Thomas Brandon in 1780.]

Indent Book }
 X No 2399 } Issued 12th April 1786 to
 No 1 } Mr. John M^c Cool for Thirty-six
 Pounds ten shillings Sterling for
 duty done as Captain in Brandon
 Reg^t. Pr^o aut. audited
 £36. 10. 0

No. 2
 The State of South Carolina
 To John M^c Cool
 For 73 days duty as Captain of Horse
 from 15 Sept^r to 26th Nov^r. 1780 both days
 inclusive, in Brandon Reg^t. Pr^o aut. ad } £255. 10
 at 70/1¹/₂ day }
 Sterling } £36. 10

Comptroller General Office
 Columbia S. C. 23^d March 1840

[p 5: On April 3, 1846 in Chester District South Carolina, James A McCool, son of the late John & Jane McCool filed for the arrears of Pension due to his mother at the time of her death in Chester District South Carolina on January 24, 1845.

James A. McCool

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[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$323.99 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending when she died on January 24, 1845. The pension benefit was calculated on the services of her husband as a Captain, Lieutenant & private in the South Carolina militia.]

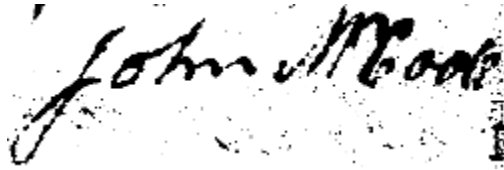
South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to John McCool
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 4957
Transcribed by Will Graves

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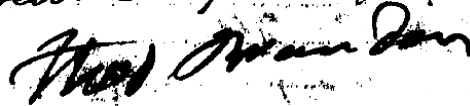
[p 2: Form of Indent No. 89 Book O dated January 26th 1785 issued to Mr. John McCool for £23.8.6 ¾ for two horses, saddles and Bridle for Militia use in 1780, 1781 & 1782.]

[p 3: reverse of the above Indent bears the following:
I assign over the Right of the within to Mr. Chas. Miles.
S/ John McCool]



[p 4: mostly illegible cover sheet for an account due John McCool for duty as a lieutenant in 1779 & 1780 in the amount of £25.10.8 ½ Sterling.]

Received 26 January 1785 full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 91—O per Order
S/ Thos Brandon [Thomas Brandon]



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State of South Carolina

Dr. to
John McCool

1779

Feby 6 to

April 5

57 days in Genrl. Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's]
Brigade at 20/ day
Mounted on Horseback

£57.00.00

1779

June & July

43 Days in Williamson' Brigade Mounted on Do

43.00.00
£100.00.00

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>.

1780

April & May 35 Days Lieut. Col. John Winn's Regiment
Mounted on Horse at 45/ per Day

78.15
£178.15.00

Sterling £25.10.8 ½

Appeared Captain John McCool & Made Oath that the Above Services in General Williamson's
Brigade & Colonel Williams' [James Williams'] Regiment of Militia & that the State is Justly
Indue [sic, indebted to] him the Same

S/ Jno. McCool



Sworn to Before me
The __ of January 1784
S/ Thos. Brandon, JP

I Do Certify that the
Above Acct. is Just & True
S/ Thos. Brandon Major



[p 6: Form of Indent No. 91, Book O]

[p 7: reverse of the above Indent bearing an assignment of it from McCool to Charles Miles.]

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Mr. John McCool his Acct. of Militia Duty as lieut. & Capt. on Horse Back in 1780, 1781 and
1782 Amounting to £198.2.1 ½

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

Received 26 January 1786 full Satisfaction for the within, in an Indent No. 94 = O per Order
S/ Thos. Brandon

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State South Carolina

John McCool

Dr.

1780

115 Days Lieutenant in General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade
Mounted on horse at 45/

£168.15

1781 & 1782

348 Days as Captain of Horse
in General Sumter's Brigade at 70/

£1218.0
£1386.15
£198.2.1 ½

Sterling

Appeared Captain John McCool & made Oath that he did the Above Services in General Sumter's Brigade of Militia & that the state is Justly indue him for the same.

Sworn to before me the 10th January 1784

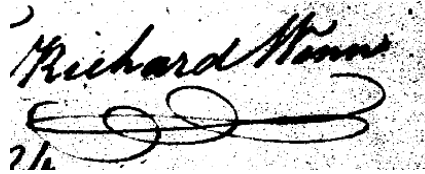
S/ D. Hopkins, JP

S/ Jno. McCool



I do Certify that the Above Account is Just and true

S/ Richard Winn



January 10th 1784

the dates the above Duty commenced and ended should be expressed which is very necessary to be known

[p 10: Form of the Indent No. 94, Book O]

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No. 2399 Book X

12 April 1786

John McCool 473 days duty as Captain of Horse from 15th September 226 November 1780 inclusive in Colonel Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment

[old South Carolina] Currency £255.10

Stg. [Sterling] £36.10

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

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Received 12 April 86 full Satisfaction for this Account in an Indent No. 2399 X per order

S/ John McCool

[p 17: Form of Indent No. 2399, Book X]

[p 22: Envelope addressed to the Honorable W E Hayne Comptroller General, Columbia South Carolina postmarked Unionville March 20.]

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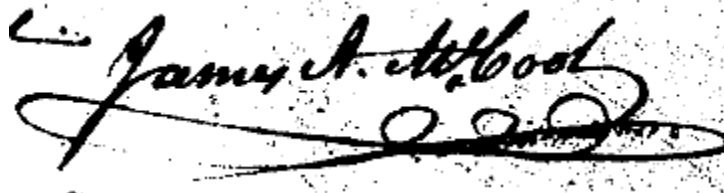
Unionville 18th of March 1840

Sir,

In consequence of an application of my mother Jane McCool to the pension office at Washington City D.C. and returned to us of a letter from the Honorable James Rogers our representative and further communication of the Honorable J. L. Edwards, they concur in sending to your office for documentary evidence as mostly relied on in all cases of applicants, I make free to do so. My father Captain John McCool was a Revolutionary Captain during the whole time (or nearly) according to his own declaration often repeated to me and in my hearing. He volunteered at 16 years of age and united himself to Captain William Gaston's Company Chester District in a short time he rose to a captaincy was with General Sumter at the Hanging Rock, Blackstock's, Cowpens, Kings mountain & at the Eutaw he acted as aid-de-camp to General Green [Nathanael Greene] & was at the fall of Charleston at which time he was one of the men who guarded Governor Rutledge [John Rutledge] when he left the City, & was with General Williams on what is called the Cherokee expedition, these can all be attested to by living witnesses, but would be probably useless if satisfactory evidence can be derived from your office. When I was small or a boy I have often seen his commissions for, as well as I remember, he had more than one, and his Indents, all of which have been destroyed or mislaid so that they cannot be found. My mother is now old & in need of assistance & I hope a grateful country will look to her case. Any evidence of his commissions in your office that you can find a copy from under your hand will be gratefully received to be forwarded to General Rogers & the pension office – direct your communications to me at Pinckneyville P. O. Union district as I lived near that place – but in Chester District. Also forward me account of your charges &c and they will be duly attended to. I am Sir

Your &c.

S/ James A McCool

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James A. McCool". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

Honorable W. E. Hayne Comptroller General