

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen McLaughlin W963 Nancy McLaughlin f40NC[GA]

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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.]

State of Tennessee County of Jefferson: September Sessions

On this 11th day of September personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Jefferson County, Stephen McLaughlin [sic] a resident of Jefferson and State of Tennessee, aged Seventy-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following answers to the interrogatories propounded to him by, and also on his oath makes the annexed deposition as to the term of his Service, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer 1st I was born in South Carolina on the head of Edisto River, on the 3rd September 1759.

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer 2nd I have none.

Question 3rd where were you living when called into Service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer 3rd When called into Service, I was living in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Since the Revolutionary War, I lived in North Carolina, then in the State of Virginia, and lastly in East Tennessee, where I now live in Jefferson County.

Question 4th. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute? And if a Substitute, for whom?

Answer 4th. In my first tour, I enlisted in the Infantry Service in the State of Georgia; In my 2nd tour I enlisted in the Dragoon service of the State of Georgia.

Question 5th. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops, where you Served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your Service.

Answer 5th. My first tour, was in the Expedition against St. Augustine, commanded by Gov. Houston of Georgia. Col. Bugg [Lt. Col. Jeremiah Bugg?] was one of the Continental Officers. Our company was attached first to Col. Bugg's Regiment. We were afterwards commanded by Col. Jack [Samuel Jack] and Major Hawkins. My 2nd tour, was in the Dragoon Service under Capt. Stallions [Frederick Stallings? or James Stallings?]- our company was attached to Col. Jackson's [Isaac Jackson's] Regiment Major Hawkins Adjutant Capt. Morrison commanded one of the Infantry Companies. We were joined by Gen. Wayne's [Anthony Wayne's] forces at Ebenezer -- who were preparing to laid siege to Savannah. Other general and some particular circumstances of my services are detailed in my declaration.

Question 6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer 6th. I received a discharge at the end of my tours. My Brother Jacob [Jacob

McLaughlin] and myself belonged to the same company in my first tour. My Brother being married and settled, took care of this discharge, and I afterwards gave him the other to take care of. My first discharge and my brother Jacob's were both written on the same piece of paper. Brother Jacob has since died in the State of Virginia and I know not what has become of them.

Questions 7th. 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 of your Services, as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer 7th. When I made oath to my Declaration before this court at its March Sessions 1833, I was then asked the same questions, which are now asked, and in answer to the 7th Question I referred the Court to the Rev. Henry Randolph and to Mr George Rodgers, Peter Echols and Daniel Witt, Citizens of Jefferson County, residing in my neighborhood. These citizens were then examined touching my character as a man of veracity as to my reputation in my neighborhood as a soldier of the Revolution, and their own beliefs of my Services as such -- and they then swore to and subscribed a certificate to that effect.

And the said McLaughlin deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades -- For 10 months, I served as a private of Infantry; for 11 months, I served as a private of Dragoons, and for such service I claim a pension; and the said Stephen McLaughlin further deposeth and saith that he served 21 months. That he has no documentary evidence as to his service and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Stephen McLaughlin, X his mark

State of Tennessee County of Jefferson: March 12th, 1833

On this 12th day of March, personally appeared in open Court before the Quorum Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Jefferson County, Stephen McLaughlin, a resident of Jefferson County in State of Tennessee, aged 73 years, 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.

The Declarant Stephen McLaughlin makes oath that he was born in South Carolina, on the head of Edisto River on 3rd September 1759. That he moved with his father in his infancy, at what period of it he does not recollect, into Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He enlisted in the early part of November 1777 at his father's house under Capt. Michael Dickson of Georgia. Capt. M. Dickson was authorized by the State of Georgia to enlist a company and he came into North Carolina for the purpose of filling up his company more readily by enlisting in Mecklenburg County. Roger's Fort on the frontiers of Georgia on the Ogeechee River was the Rendezvous of the company. The lieutenants were William Henderson and __ Ritchie, the Christian name of the latter not recollect, Robert Thompson orderly Sgt. Capt. M. Dickson joined Capt. David Dickson at Fort Rogers. John Wall was the Lieut. of Capt. David Dickson Rogers Fort gave protection and afforded an asylum to the inhabitants of that part of the frontiers and for that purpose it was guarded and occupied by Capt. M. and D. Dickson's Companies until April 1777, when both Companies were removed to Augusta -- whence they were ordered to join the expedition against St. Augustine under Gov. Houston of Georgia. In June, day not recollect, Declarant was marched under his Capt. Michael Dickson, along with Capt. D. Dickson's company, to Charlton Mearle's Ferry, where they joined Col. Bugg, who commanded a Regiment of Continental troops. Major Hawkins was one of the officers of Col. Bugg's Regiment. Declarant does not recollect any other officers. Captains M. & D. Dickson's

Companies were here placed under the command of Col. Jack and Major Hawkins, and were marched under those officers to Canoutchee river [sic, Canoochee River?], crossing Canoutchee on the South New Port -- where they were halted and remained 2 weeks. Thence were marched to Scintillah [sic, Satilla River?], thence to Baltamahah [sic, Altamaha River?], thence to Fort Barrington in the St. Augustine Territory -- said Territory and the town of St. Augustine being then in possession of the British at Fort Barrington we joined the American forces consisting of Continental and State troops under the command of Gov. Houston [John Houstoun] of Georgia, who, declarant believes, commanded the expedition. Declarant does not know the number of troops encamped at Fort Barrington. The men became very sickly and began to die off rapidly, and after remaining at Fort Barrington 3 or 4 weeks, the respective companies were informed by their captains that they would be marched to Midway Meeting house, where those who were able to march, would be discharged and those unable to march back, would be detained and assisted home in the wagons and with the horses. Col. Bugg remained at the Fort with the Continental troops, and Gov. Houston returned back to Georgia attended by this staff and other officers connected with the State troops. The Declarant was marched under his Capt. Michael Dickson to Midway Meeting house and there received his discharge in the month of August or September which, he cannot now recollect. The Declarant and his brother Jacob who belonged to the same Company received their discharges on the same piece of paper. Jacob, being the oldest and being then married and settled, kept the discharge. He has since died in the State of Virginia and declarant knows not what has become of the paper containing their discharges. Declarant served 10 months from his Enlistment in November 1777 until his discharge in September 1778. He enlisted for 2 years, but was discharged after the service as above recited. After Declarant had enlisted and had joined his Company at Rogers Fort, his father moved to Ogeechee River near to Rogers Fort, which was situated on the Ogeechee; After Roger's Fort was evacuated, the Indians recommenced there depredations upon the Settlements of that Section of country and the Father of Declarant moved to Kio Kah [sic, Kiawah?], where Declarant joined him & his family. The next spring they moved back to Ogeechee made a crop -- and moved in the fall to the head of Edisto [River] in South Carolina. Before his father moved, Declarant enlisted, in the month of September 1779 but day not recollected, at his Father's house on the Ogeechee River, into the service of the State of Georgia, in a company of dragoons under Capt. James Stallions, Stephen Blount and Ezekiel Stallions were the lieutenants Augusta was the place of Rendezvous, where the company was attached to the Regiment of Infantry under Col. Jackson, ~~Major~~ Hawkins Adjutant, the majors not recollected. Capt. Morrison commanded one of the Infantry Companies. Ezekiel Lyon was one of the Lieutenants of that Company. From Augusta the Company of Dragoons were employed in occasional expeditions through the various parts of the surrounding Country to keep down the Tories, who were numerous, particularly on Bryar Creek [sic, Briar Creek]. In the latter part of February 1780 we were marched to Ebenezer, and there joined the forces under General Wayne, who had a large body of Continental and State troops under him at that place, preparing to lay siege to Savannah. While at Ebenezer, 50 men were sent out under an officer every other day as a scouting party, to ascertain the movements of the British, who had possession of Savannah, and also to protect the country between Ebenezer and Savannah from the depredations of the British foraging parties. Shortly after Declarant's Company joined the forces at Ebenezer, the declarant was sent out on a scouting party under Capt. Stallions and Lieut. Harvey, a volunteer. The scouting party was marched towards Savannah, within 6 miles of it. At Pipemaker's Creek our party saw some British troops on the other side of the Creek on the causeway leading across the Creek and through the marsh. Capt. Stallions and his men were on the causeway on this side of the Creek, Capt. S. determined to charge the British party and did so. When we had advanced up to the place where the British

party had been, we found that they had torn up the causeway at that place and had retired into the woods, on firm ground, whence they commenced firing on us, and wounded John Calton¹ and 9 of our horses, before we could get out of the rush of their fire. The causeway being torn out we were unable to advance, as a horse could have mired in the muddy swamp or marsh over which the causeway was built. John Calton is a pensioner, as deponent is informed and lives in North Carolina on Tyger River. In April a detachment was sent out of Capt. Stallions Company, consisting of twelve inclusive of the commanding Sergeant, for the purpose of taking care of the wounded horses and baggage at Turkey Hill belonging to the Army. Col. Douglass had command of the men, about 90 in number as he believes, who were stationed at Turkey Hill. These men were constantly employed in the Service as scouting parties around Turkey Hill, which was but thirteen miles from Ebenezer. On the 20th of August removed to the Red House on Coosa-Hatchie where our twelve men remained under a Sergeant till September, when we were discharged. His brother Jacob, being a married and settled [man] took care of Declarant's discharges and declarant, since the death of his brother knows not what has become of them. The Declarant served 21 or 2 months in the State Service of Georgia -- first ten months in the Infantry service under Capt. Michael Dickson, and 2nd twelve months in the Dragoon Service. The Declarant hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Hamilton, Clerk

S/ Stephen McLaughlin, X his mark

[Henry Randolph, a clergyman, George Rogers [signed his name "George Rodgers"] & Peter Eckols [signed his name "Peter Eckel"] & Daniel Witt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Declarant further makes oath that he has never received any remuneration whatever, other than eight dollars, which he received as bounty money on his first enlistment. He never received any pay but the bounty during his service. That after his last term of service had expired, he remained in North Carolina four years, then moved to Virginia where he remained twenty-one years living in different counties in the Western part of Virginia, then moved to East Tennessee where he has lived in Carter and Claiborne Counties six years, and Greene County sixteen years, and lastly in Jefferson County eight years, in which County he now lives. That he knows no person, whose evidence he can obtain concerning his service unless John Calton be alive, of which declarant is not certain; his information concerning him not being later than 1830. He then understood that one John Calton was alive in North Carolina and receiving a pension from the Government of the United States.

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[p 4: On September 4, 1846, in Jefferson County Tennessee, Mrs. Nancy McLaughlin, 71 years old on 11 October instant filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Stephen McLaughlin a soldier of the revolution and pensioner at the rate of \$83.33 per annum; that she married him in Patrick County in the State of Virginia on October 11, 1792; that he died March 26 1846; and that she remains his widow.]

¹ I was unable to identify a likely candidate by this (or any similar) name among the federal pensioners.

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S/ W. S.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$83.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant for 10 months as a private of the infantry and one year as a private in the Cavalry, all in the service of Georgia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]