

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McFalls (McFall) W968

Martha McFalls

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### Tennessee Maury County

On this 6th day of September in the year 1839 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record, the Honorable Edmund Dellahunty Judge &c Martha McFalls a resident citizen of the County of Maury in the State of Tennessee, aged Eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Acts of Congress of the United States of America passed for the benefit and relief of the widows and relics of deceased Soldiers of the Revolutionary War. -- That declarant remembers to have heard her said husband John McFalls in his lifetime often recount over his services as a soldier in the War of the Revolution, that he was a Lieut. in a militia or volunteer Company, and served in a company commanded by Capt. Martin [James Nathaniel Martin] as well as she now recollects that he resided in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina when he entered the War of the Revolution and that [he] served as a Lieut. several tours of service, that the said John McFalls was in the battles of Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780],<sup>1</sup> was a tour of ten months, that he served three months in what was called the Snow Campaign<sup>2</sup> in South Carolina on Saluda River, was in the battle with the Indians and Tories on the waters of said River, called the Hickory ground that General Martin & Rutherford commanded that he served as such before that time a tour of 3 months against the Cherokee Indians up to the head waters of the Catawba River: he served under the said General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in that tour of three months that she remembers the names of Capt. Dickson [Joseph Dickson] & Work [John Work] but cannot remember whether he was under either of the said captains, that the said John McFalls was afterwards a private soldier in the company commanded by Capt. Nathaniel Martin and marched to South Carolina and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. William Polk and Division Commanded by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] & was in actual service ten months this tour she remembers to have heard her said husband speak of serving under the following officers General Gates [Horatio Gates], Col. Washington [William Washington], General Greene [Nathanael Greene], General Sumter, Col. Polk, De Kalb, Major Snipes & others and that he was in the original service of the United States from the commencement to the end of the war, at different intervals & that he was more than two whole years in actual service, but affiant cannot state the precise times he was in service, how long he served each time and all the battles that he was in, she remembers Gates defeat, Hickory ground & perhaps others, & perhaps Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]: remembers he was in the

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_snow\\_campaign.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html)

service at the time of the Battle at Eutaw Springs<sup>3</sup> remembers to have heard him speak of General Washington's horse being shot from under him, of Major Rutherford [James Rutherford] & Thomas Polk being killed in that battle -- that he moved from Mecklenburg to Wilkes County Georgia from there to the County of Maury in Tennessee where he resided until the 31st of July 1826 when & where he died leaving deponent his widow and relic & declarant further states that she the said Martha McFalls and the said John McFalls her husband were married in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina in the month of August 1782, as well as she can recollect, she has no record evidence or family Register of the dates of her marriage, and that she has never had any children but she states that her & the said John were married before the first day of January 1794. Declarant is old & infirm, and prays for the benevolent relief contemplated & provided for by law, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

She hereby relinquishes every claim or claims whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and she declares that her name is not on the Pension list roll of any agency or any State & prays to be put on the pension list roll of West Tennessee at Nashville.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 5th September 1839.

S/ P. Nelson, Clerk

S/ Martha McFalls, X her mark

State of Tennessee Maury County

This day personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Edmund Dellahunty Judge &c David Dobbins<sup>4</sup> and made oath in due form of law, that he is aged about Eighty-two years, that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and is now drawing a pension, that he was intimately & personally acquainted with John McFalls in his lifetime and served a tour of ten months with him in the Revolutionary War that the said John McFalls was a private soldier in the Company Commanded by Capt. Nathaniel Martin [sic, probably Samuel Martin], and was in the Regiment Commanded by Col. [Lt. Col.] William Polk, and division Commanded by General Sumter [Thomas Sumter], that he the said John McFalls was as good a Whig and patriot & brave a soldier as was in the Regiment. -- Affiant has often heard John McFalls speak of being in the service several tours previous to the one he served with him, and states that he himself was also at the Snow Campaign & up the Catawba River against the Indians & each of them were three months. Affiant was not at the marriage between the said John McFalls & Martha his wife the present applicant but lived in the same County Rowan North Carolina and remembers the time of their marriage to be shortly after they were marched back & discharged after the ten months tour in South Carolina and thinks it was sometime in the summer of the year 1782 or 1783. -- affiant knows that said John & Martha McFalls lived together as man & wife up to the date of his death, that said John McFalls died in Maury County Tennessee sometime in the year 1826. That Martha McFalls who has assigned [sic] the foregoing declaration is the identical widow and relic of John McFalls deceased who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War: that said Martha McFalls is a lady of very good character and entitled to full credit on her oath in the Court of justice.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 5th day of September 1839.

S/ P. Nelson, Clerk

S/ David Dobbins



<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

<sup>4</sup> [David Dobbins S1805](#)

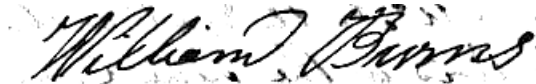
State of Tennessee Maury County

This day personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Edmund Dellahunty Judge &c William Burns who after being duly sworn on his oath says that he is the Grandson of John McFalls, that his mother was the daughter of said John McFalls by his first wife, who died & he then married the present declarant Martha McFalls, -- affiant is aged about 32 years and lived with his said grandfather John McFalls & his wife Martha McFalls several years before the death of his said grandfather, that John McFalls died in Maury County Tennessee in the year 1826 -- that the present applicant Martha McFalls is the identical widow & relic of John McFalls deceased. Affiant often heard his grandfather recount & tell over his services in the Revolutionary War, he has heard the declaration made by Martha McFalls read and his recollection of his grandfather's statements correspond exactly, except he remembers that his grandfather said he was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] that Martha McFalls is a lady of good moral character and entitled to full credit on her oath in a court of justice.

Sworn & subscribed to in open Court September 8th 1839

S/ P. Nelson, Clerk

S/ William Burns

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Burns". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]