Abbeville District [South Carolina]
To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives
The Humble petition of John Leard sheweth:
That he entered the Revolutionary Service about the year Seventy Six: He
served under Captains Patterson, Anderson, William McGaw, and John McGaw. He served a tour
of three months under Patterson. He was at the Florida Expedition under James Noble Lieutenant
of Anderson. He was at the Midway Expedition, a tour of about three months under William
McClelland a Lieutenant of said Anderson. He was at the Siege of Ninety Six, a tour of five or
six months under Captain John McGaw. He was also in the Kettle Creek battle under the
command of William McGaw.
South Carolina Abbeville District: Before me personally came John Leard who being duly sworn
saith that the facts stated in the above petition are true to the best of his knowledge & memory.
Sworn to & subscribed this 17th of January 1828 before
S/ Patrick Gibson, JQ  S/ John Leard Senior
A Schedule of Property belonging to the above John Leard is as follows:
(Viz)  Two horse beasts $90
    nine head cattle small and great 50
    Three sows & pigs 12
    Two beds and other household furniture 30
    Plantation tools 8
    Wheelwright tools 9
$190
$199
South Carolina Abbeville district: Before me personally appeared John Leard who being duly
sworn saith that the above is a true schedule and valuation of all the property he owns or
possesses to the best of his knowledge.
Sworn to & subscribed 17 January 1828 before me
S/ Patrick Gibson, JQ  S/ John Leard Senior

[fn p. 13]
South Carolina Abbeville District: Before me personally came James Shanks 1 who being duly
sworn saith that he was acquainted with John Leard in the old Revolutionary War: he served with

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1 No one by this name filed for a federal pension for services rendered in South Carolina (or elsewhere). Therefore
this may be the only record of this man's service in the revolution.
him a tour of five or six months under Pickens. He was with him at the Siege of Ninety Six and that he believes and ever understood the said John Leard to be a true friend to his County [sic Country?]

Sworn to this 17th day of January 1828 before me
S/ Patrick Gibson, JQ                    S/ James Shanks

South Carolina Abbeville District: Before me personally came George McFarlin\(^2\) who being duly sworn saith that he was acquainted with John Leard while a soldier in the old Revolutionary War towards the close. He served with him a short tour under Captain John McGaw and that he believes and ever understood the said John Laird to be a true friend of his country.

Sworn to the 17 day of January 1828 before
S/ Patrick Gibson, JQ                    S/ George McFarlin, X his mark

[fn p. 19: certificate dated April 28, 1854 issued by the Comptroller General's office in Columbia South Carolina showing payments made to John Leard for military services and losses of personal property during the revolution.]

[fn p. 4: owned May 22, 1854 in Abbeville district South Carolina Samuel P. Leard, 39, filed a claim under the 1832 act stating that he is the son and heir at law of John Leard deceased late of Abbeville District; that his father was a pensioner of the state of South Carolina for his services in the revolution pursuant to a petition filed in 1828; that his father married affiant's mother Mary and 1795; that his mother survived his father and died March 28, 1845 leaving as his parents only surviving children this deponent and his sisters the present Misses Mary Ann Leard & Ellen Leard; that his father died a state pension or in Abbeville District October 8, 1843.

[fn p. 6: in 1854, Mary Ann and Ellen Leard lived in Wilcox County, Alabama.]

\(^2\) Sic, George McFarlin S18119