Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of July 1838, 3rd of March 1843 & 17th of June 1844

State of North Carolina Robeson County

On this the 25th day of December 1851 Personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in & for the said County, Simon P McNeill, resident of said County who having been duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the acts of Congress of the 7th of July & other subsequent acts above-mentioned; that he is the son of Hector McNeill who was a Revolutionary soldier that his father the said Hector McNeill served as a Lieutenant for several years under Captain Ard, Captain Hopkins, Captain Hays, Captain Simon Hadly, Colonel Regan & General Lee & others. The whole period of his services was at least five years. His services were chiefly in North Carolina. He marched on one expedition to Charleston South Carolina where he remained a short time. The said Hector McNeill was in a Battle at Hillsboro in Battle at Cain Creek in a battle at the Piney Bottom & some other skirmish &c. He received three wounds while in service two in the arm & one in the leg & that his father the said Hector McNeill was married in the spring of 1791 to Alys M. Neill [sic] the mother of this Declarant in the County of Cumberland North Carolina & that his father died on the 28th day of July 1830 & that his mother Aylys McNeill died on the 25th of September 1840 aged about 66 years. He therefore makes this application in behalf of himself & the other children now living to with Elizabeth Munn, William C McNeill, James McNeill, Simon P McNeill, Jane Elmore, & Nancy Coward for the amount Pension due her up to the day of her death on account of the services of her husband the said Hector McNeill in the Revolutionary war.

S/ Simon P McNeill

[pp. 3-4 are digital images of the original family record giving the birthdates of the children of veteran]
"State North Carolina Bladen County
This is to certify that Hector McNell has served Three months in the melisa service in the foot Companey and he is hereby Dis Charged given under my hand this 20th day of February 1783
S/ Thos. Ard, Capt."
My dear Mr. McSwain:

A reference is made to your letter of July 19, enclosing a communication from Mrs. EW Carpenter, for one for College Street, Greenville South Carolina, desiring information concerning a soldier of the revolutionary war named Hector McNeill.

It appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W. 18501, that Hector McNeill or McNeil served as a Lieut. in the North Carolina troops for several years under Captains Thomas Ard, Hopkins, Hayes, Simon Hadley and Regan. He was in skirmishes at Hillsboro, Cane Creek and Piney Bottom and received 3 wounds, two in the arm and one in the leg.

Soldier married in the spring of 1791 in Cumberland County, North Carolina, Ayles (maiden name not stated). He died July 28, 1830 and she died September 25, 1840, aged about 66 years.

Children by soldier's first wife, whose name, date of marriage and date of death are not recorded:

Neill born October 26, 1787
Archibald born January 4, 1798
Children of Hector and Ayles McNeill or McNeil:
   Elisabeth born June 23, 1792
   Hector born July 25, 1794
   Elisabeth born June 26, 1796
   Margaret born March 9, 1799
   William C. born March 21, 1801
   James born September 5, 1803
   Simon P. born August 4, 1805
   Daniel born July 14, 1807
   Jane or Jean born March 16, 1811
   Nancey born December 3, 1813

   the following children were alive in 1851 and were allowed pension to their mother: --
   Elizabeth Mann or Munn; William C.; James; Simon P.; Jane Elmore; and Nancy Coward.
   Very truly yours
   S/ EW Morgan, Acting Commissioner

[Veteran’s widow was granted a posthumous pension at the rate of $320 per annum commencing
March 4th, 1836 and ending when she died on September 25, 1840. The amount of her pension
was calculated on her husband service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina militia from
Cumberland County North Carolina.]