

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Joseph McLain (McLane) S8805

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North Carolina, Guilford County: November Term AD 1832

On this 20th day of November AD 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of our County Court the same being a Court of Record Joseph McLane Sr. aged 80 years of age and made oath in due form of law to the following declaration by him filed to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress Passed this 7<sup>th</sup> June AD 1832.

That he served under the following named officers herein after stated (to wit) that he was born in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia County, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 1752 and moved in the fall of 1762 into North Carolina and settled in that part of it now called Guilford County in which he has ever since resided -- that at the commencement of the war he has known to be on the Whig [text missing, possibly "side"] and was constantly exposed to the [text missing, possibly "injuries"] inflicted on that party by the Tories, many of whom then were in his own section of North Carolina. That from the commencement of the war [in] 1775 until 1781 he spent half his time in small tours after the Tories sometimes down to Fayetteville, often down to the Caraway Mountains in Randolph County under Captain Forbis, Col Paisley and sometimes under Captain Whitesell, and several trips up on the Yadkin after a Tory called Col. Brian—that he is unable to give any satisfactory history of any of them owing to his age and impaired memory -- that he believes his tour to Fayetteville was performed in the summer of 1777 and that he must have been out on this tour as much as 6 weeks -- that of the many tours he made among the high Hills of Randolph called Caraway Mountains, down to the Raft Swamps, down on the waters of Deep or Drowning Creek, and up on the River Yadkin, he cannot state their particular dates and length but states that he would be out sometimes a few days sometimes a few weeks, and be at home in like manner. That the Tories were so plenty in this section of Country that the Whigs were almost constantly forced to be armed and that his neighbors who were Whigs formed themselves into a company of minute men under the aforesaid officers to be always ready when called on and in a minutes warning—that in the summer of 1780 he volunteered as before and was marched under the command of Captain Forbis to Martinsville, thence to Salisbury, and thence to New Providence in the County of Mecklenburg and joined the troops under Gen Davidson [William Lee Davidson]; that the Americans shortly driven from New Providence by a superior force of the enemy under the Command of Rawdon & Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] - that he retreated with his officers back on this side the Yadkin River; that staying here a few days he was marched again south to a creek call Waxhaw for the purpose of annoying the enemy on their march from South Carolina—that on their retreat from the aforesaid New Providence the cavalry staid behind and attacked the advanced guards not far from Charlotte—that as soon as this was known Col. Paisley & Col. Armstrong volunteered and requested others to join them and returned to assist the Cavalry there engaged—that he and others among whom was his neighbor Wm Albright joined them but they met them [illegible word] on the retreat—that he was discharged in the County of Mecklenburg, which discharge he still has and remits & and by means of which he is enabled to fix with certainty on the date of this service—that no time was allowed him for service until he arrived at New Providence & joined the troops under Genl Davidson—that his certificate certifies to three month service but that he was longer from home in marching out to New Providence and home again which must have taken near two weeks—that on his return home he again set out and joined Capt. Whitesell's Company at Troublesome Creek and assisted him in guarding prisoners—that after the Guilford Battle he marched after and annoyed the British on their march to the south—that in this service under Capt. Whitesell he must have served 6 or 7 weeks—that he has no documentary or written evidence of his serving more than he transmits—that he is known to Geo

Neese,<sup>1</sup> Mathias Swing<sup>2</sup> and Wm. Albright<sup>3</sup> with whom he done service and who can and are willing from their own personal knowledge to testify to his aforesaid services—that he hereby relinquishes any claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court

S/ [illegible signature of clerk]

S/ Joseph McLain

Joseph McLean further states that all his neighbors are willing to testify to his character for truth and their belief as to his services.

Sworn to as above

S/ Joseph McLain

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1 NPA S7268

2 NPA S7669

3 NPA S6492