



[On April 18, 1846 in Russell County Virginia, Mary McLaughlin, 79 made application for a widows pension stating that she is the widow of Jacob McLaughlin; that she has no living witnesses to her husband's services unless his brothers Stephen and John McLaughlin are still living; that she married him in South Carolina on the Catawba River but she does not remember in what County; that they removed to Virginia 52 years ago and for the last 45 years have lived in Russell County Virginia; that her husband died January 22, 1831 in Russell County Virginia; and that she's remains his widow.]

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State of Virginia County of Tazewell

The deposition of John McLaughlin a Resident of the aforesaid County taken before me John Cecil -- the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he is 87 years of age. That Jacob McLaughlin a brother of this deponent and who died some 15 years ago in the County of Russell and State of Virginia was a brother of this deponent and the oldest of the family, that said Jacob enlisted as this deponent well recollects under or by Lieut. William Henderson a Recruiting Officer in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina on a Creek called "Crooked Creek" in the minute service to serve against the Indians on the Frontiers; and this deponent would say that his brother Jacob aforesaid when he first served against the Indians was stationed at Rogers Fort on the Ogeechee River on the East side of the River, that Stephen another brother of this deponent, enlisted and served (the first of said Stephen's service) with Jacob aforesaid and was stationed at Roger's Fort aforesaid with said Jacob, that while said Jacob & said Stephen were at Roger's Fort this deponents Father removed his family (and this deponent went with him) from Mecklenburg County aforesaid, to said Roger's Fort and this deponent thinks that from the time his brother Jacob first enlisted to the time of the removal of his father heretofore spoken of, must have been nearly 2 years but this deponent is confident was more than one year: That soon after this deponent & his father's family arrived at Roger's Fort aforesaid, his brother Jacob and part of the Company he was then and commanded by Capt. Michael Dixon as this deponent thinks was called off to a place called Wrightsboro & from there to Augusta on Savannah River - - And this deponent were further say that there were 2 other Forts besides Fort Rogers viz. Grayson's Fort and Fulton's Fort, that the officers & soldiers stationed at the said forts were sometimes marched from Fort to Fort as necessity required, that said Jacob was stationed principally at Roger's Fort -- And this deponent would say that after or from the time that said Jacob first enlisted in the minute service aforesaid he was transferred to the regular Army to serve against the British recollects his coming home at different periods of time on furlough -- And this deponent would say that himself, and his Brother Jacob & his brother Stephen were all enlisted by the same recruiting officer viz. Lieut. William Henderson, that at one time Capt. Michael Dixon and Col. Samuel Jack were officers of said Jacob = That said Jacob enlisted before this deponent and served under different officers and that his brother the said Jacob served in the Georgia State Legion -- And this deponent would say that his brother Jacob must have served in all more than 2 years at different periods, that this deponent did not serve in the same company or Regiment with said Jacob had any period of that it War were under different commanders & this deponent would say he himself served better than 3 years in the War, and this deponent thinks that said Jacob serve as long [as] he himself -- And this deponent would further say that of himself and all his brothers not any of them could read & write, that they were formally called by different names some which save McLaughlin & others McGlothlin & others

Lawhorn or Lohorn and has no one of the family could when they were enlisted spelled their names, this deponent thinks it was spelled differently by different commanders or officers -- and this deponent would say that he has been married 56 years and that his Brother Jacob was married before him and to Mary said Jacob's widow who now lives in Russell aforesaid -- and this deponent would further say that he wishes to be understood that when he says that he served under different commanders and not with his brother Jacob at any period of the war, he would state that Capt. Michael Dixon & Col. Samuel Jack were the said Jacob's first officers, that said Col. Jack commanded said Roger's Fort, and that said Dixon & said Jack were this deponent's first officers that said Jacob was transferred to other service before this deponent enlisted under and served under said officers -- And further this deponent saith not.

In presence of

S/ John McLaughlin, X his mark

S/ Asa Lyon

S/ Samuel W. Cecil

[facts in file: veteran and his wife had a son named Neeley who was born around 1802; and another son, their eldest, named Davis L. McLaughlin.]