

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Silas McBee, S7202

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Mississippi State Lowndes County to Wit

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833, personally appeared in Open Court before Thomas Sampson, Chief Justice and Samuel B. Morgan associate Justice of the County Court for the County and State aforesaid now sitting in the Town of Columbus, Silas McBee a resident of the United States in the County of Lowndes and State of Mississippi aged Sixty Eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832: That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer Soldier during the Month of July 1781 [sic, 1780] near Tates Ferry in the State of South Carolina under the Command of Col. Thomas Brandon and in the Company of Captain John Thompson and Lieutenant Josiah Tanner and moved South with said Regiment and Company to a Fort Called Fort Anderson and from Fort Anderson the said Regiment & Company marched to the Catawby [sic, Catawba] River where said Regiment and Company united with General Thomas Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter] army and in Short time after the Regiment to which I belonged arrived at Catawby River it was attached to Genl. Williams' [sic, Col. James Williams] Brigade or Devision [sic, Division] and from thence I marched with Genl. Williams' force towards Kings Mountain and perhaps two days before the army reached Kings Mountain an union of Genl. Williams, Col. Campbell [William Campbell] and Col. Isaac Shelby forces took place and the army then moved on to Kings Mountain where the army reached on the 17<sup>th</sup> [sic, 7<sup>th</sup>] of October 1781 [sic, 1780] and the Battle<sup>1</sup> of Kings Mountain was Fought during the Battle I Fought under Genl. Williams and in the Company which I first attached myself when I volunteered. In a short time after the Battle of Kings Mountain I was discharged. I served upwards of three Months from the time I attached myself to Capt. John Thompson Company until I was discharged. I returned home to South Carolina in Spartanburg District where I had been raised from a Child one year old to which District my father emigrated from Virginia where I was born. In the early part of November 1781 [sic, 1780] that he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer Soldier under the Command of Capt. Field Padue [sic, Field Pardue] near the Adkin [sic, Yadkin] River which Company was attached to Col. Andrew Pickings [sic, Andrew Pickens] army of volunteers and I continued in said Company and under the Command of Col. Pickings until the month of March or April 1782 at which time I was Discharged. That he has no Documentary evidence and that he knows of no

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.carolina.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](https://www.carolina.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html)

person whose Testimony he can Procure who can Testify to his service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

[This application bears no evidence of having signed by the applicant. It is attested by R. D. Haden, Clerk of the County Court.]

[David Wright, a clergyman, and William Dowsing gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Jackson Mississippi May 25<sup>th</sup> [could be 28<sup>th</sup>] 33

Hon. Louis McLean

Sir

I take the liberty to enclose Mr. McBee's application for a pension. Be pleased to inform him of the receipt of his application. He resides at Columbus Lowndes County Mississippi

yours

Mo. respectfully

Jno. Black

[Facts in file: Veteran died January 6, 1845, survived by a widow, but her name is not shown in the file material; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>2</sup> relating to Silas McBee pp 7  
Audited Account No. 4876

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No. 10

[No.] 1116 = [Book] X 19<sup>th</sup> November 85 [1785]  
Silas McBee for 307 days Duty as private Horseman in Capt. Mapp's [John Mapp's] and Capt. McBee's [Vardry McBee's] Company both in Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment from 10<sup>th</sup> June 1780 to 17 February 1782 Alternately Amounting to  
[old South Carolina Currency] £307  
Stg. [Sterling] £43.17.1 ½  
Ex<sup>d</sup> J. E. [Examined by J. E. [identity unknown]]  
J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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<sup>2</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the Just take me to the search page link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Rec'd 19<sup>th</sup> November 1785, full Satisfaction for the Within Amount to £43.17.1 ½ Stg, in an Indent No. 1116 Book X, by virtue of an Order enclosed & and Assignment filed No. 1883 [?],<sup>3</sup> Book X

Geo. Selby

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State of So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Silas McBee

1782

To 303 Days as Horseman at 20/ [20 shillings] old Currency £303  
(included in Captain McBee's pay Bill)  
Say 281 days from 10<sup>th</sup> June 1780 to 1<sup>st</sup> July 1781  
21 ditto from 2<sup>nd</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> 1781

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State of So. Carolina Dr. to Silas McBee

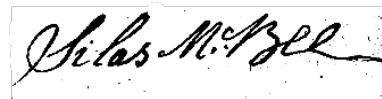
1782

from 14 to 17<sup>th</sup> February 1782  
To 4 Days a Horseman at 20/ old Currency £4  
(included in Capt. Mapp's pay Bill)

April the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1785} Gentlemen

Please to Deliver all my Indents to Captain Vardry McBee As he hath paid Me full Satisfaction for the Same and you'll oblige your humble Servant

Silas McBee

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Silas McBee". It is enclosed in a rectangular border.

To the Publick auditor's office or to

The Publick Treasury

Test

William Tate, JP

[p 6: Printed form of Indent No. 1116 Book X]

[p 7: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by George Selby, C.. Williman, and Ed Lightwood [Edward Lightwood]. How these men obtained an interest in the indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]

<sup>3</sup> A 108.3