

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas McClure W8429 Janet McClure VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 19 Aug 2014.

County of Scott }  
State of Kentucky }

On this day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Janet McClure a resident of the County of Scott State of Kentucky Aged eighty five years who being unable by reason of bodily infirmity to appear in Court being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836

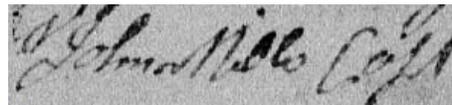
That she is the widow of Thomas McClure who was a Soldier on the Virginia line during the war of the Revolution. In consequence of her great age and loss of memory she is unable specify particular periods of his services but do well know he was in the services more than three years and was in various battles and was in the battle fought at Guilford Court House South Carolina [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and was in the engagement under Captain Marrow at the time he was slain in battle and in various other engagements during the war of the revolution Many of the circumstances which transpired at this great length of time she is unable to detail and many of the papers of her husband have been lost and destroyed and she now presents his discharge which shows that he belonged to Captain [John] Mills Company and Colonel Green Ridgement [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene's Southern Division] and was Honorable Discharged on the 23 day of March 1781 and she refers to this and the Record, as the only evidence in her power to produce and prays that a pension may be granted to her a poor widow of the Revolution who husband has spent the pain of his life in the services of his Country and left her poor and entirely dependent

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas McClure in Botetourt County State of Virginia on the thirtieth day March seventeen hundred and seventy eight and the best evidence she is able to provide of her marriage is her family record of the ages of her children Her first child died in her infancy and she has no record of her age her second was her son John who was borne on the tenth day of August seventeen hundred and eighty The foregoing before is her true and genuine family record of the ages of her children all of which was borne after her marriage to their father the said Thomas McClure and her husband the aforesaid Thomas McClure died on the tenth day of November eighteen hundred and eighteen and she has remained a widow ever since his death as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed Given from under my hand this 27 day of December 1858

Janet herXmark McClure

Botetourt March 23 1781

I Do Certify that Thomas McClure a solder in my Company staid out his time till Legally Discharge Buy General Green Given under my hand  
John Mills Capt



NOTE:

Janet McClure apparently applied earlier and was rejected, because the file contains a copy of a resolution in the House of Representatives dated 10 Feb 1840 calling for an inquiry "into the propriety of granting a pension to Mrs Janet McClure, widow of Thomas McClure, whose declaration and papers are now on file in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions." Her pension for six months service by her husband was issued on 15 March 1849.

Janet McClure's application was certified by two of her children, Nathaniel and Nancy McClure,

as they each signed their names. The family record is transcribed below.

John McCluer was born the 10<sup>th</sup> of august 1780

Caty McCluer was born the 24<sup>th</sup> of january 1783

Nathaniel McCluer was born The 8<sup>th</sup> day of november 1784

Nancy McCluer was born the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 1786

jinny McCluer was born the 12<sup>th</sup> of may 1788

Betty McCluer was born the 14<sup>th</sup> of february 1790

William McCluer was born the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 1792

Peggy McCluer was born the 6<sup>th</sup> of january 1796