## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

## Pension application of William McClure R10313 Mary Surber<sup>1</sup> Transcribed by Will Graves

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## State of Kentucky Pulaski County to wit

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1844 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Mary Surber a resident of Kentucky in the County of Pulaski aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1838 and the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1842 and the act of Congress passed 16<sup>th</sup> April 1816 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the revolutionary war and to widows of persons who died while in the service of the United States during the late war. That she is the widow of William McClure who was a private in the war of the Revolution and served 4 years & 9 months in the Virginia line he enlisted in Rockbridge County State of Virginia that he received a wound on his forehead with a sword and one in his back with a bayonet, and in the late war he substituted in the County of Washington State of Virginia under Lieutenant William Huston who acted as Captain and after he arrived at Norfolk he enlisted and whilst in the service of the United States died at Norfolk. She also declares that she was married to the said William McClure on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1789 that her husband the aforesaid William McClure died on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1814 the day of the month of his death has never been ascertained. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 (viz.) at the time above stated. She further declares that after the death of her said husband she was married to Adam Surber. That he died on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833 and that she is still a widow.

S Mary Surber, X her mark

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This day William McClure aged 43 or 4 years personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Pulaski County and made oath in due form of law that from his best information he is the sixth child of William McClure and the declarant Mary Surber late Mary McClure and states that he believes that he has seen his father's discharge for his services in the Revolutionary War among his old papers that his father's papers were in the possession of his mother and his discharge has been lost or destroyed so that it cannot be produced he states that his father William McClure and his mother the declarant lived together as husband and wife from his earliest recollection up to the death of his father which took place in 1814 at Norfolk as he is informed in the service of the United States in the late war – he states that he has heard his father frequently speak of his services in the Revolutionary War – he states that he recollects a scar on

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Former Widow

his forehead and one on his back which he told this affiant he received in the Revolutionary War the one on the foraging he said was made with a sword and the one in the back was made with a bayonet he states that he has heard his father say that he served upwards of 4 years in the war as he believes, since the death of his father his mother the declarant intermarried with Adam Surber who is now the head and she is still a widow this 16<sup>th</sup> November 1844.

S/ William McClure

[p 13: On May 18, 1852, Thomas Surber executed a power of attorney in which he often write to pursue the claim of Mary Surber for a pension.