

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George McCall R6598

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State of South Carolina Darlington District Court of Common Pleas & Sessions held for the District & State aforesaid

On this the 18th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Bayles J. Earle one of the associate Judges of the Court aforesaid George McCall Senior a resident of the District of Darlington and State aforesaid, aged seventy two years, who being 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 the 7th day of June 1832 --

That he was drafted in or about the spring of 1778 for the term of two months and served at that time under Capt. Daniel DuBose at Seewee Bay [Sewee Bay] and then returned home. Then I was drafted again about two months before the siege of Charleston<sup>1</sup> began and marched to the Ten mile House near the city of Charleston under the command of Capt. James Gregg -- Soon after our time of service expired, I then volunteered and marched into Charleston under the command of Capt. James Gregg to continue during the siege. A few days before the surrender of Charleston our commander proffered to land us in the night above Hadley's Point [sic, Haddrell's Point], from which place we made our escape home. I remained there at Home until I understood General Gates [Horatio Gates] was on his way to Camden, when myself and many others embodied ourselves without any commander to join General Gates and pursued the enemy, but hearing that Col. Hugh Giles was raising a Regiment of volunteers at Giles Bluff on Pedee River, we repaired to him, at [one or more words missing as a result of an ink blot] -- we remained a few days [one or more words missing as a result of an ink blot] Marion [Francis Marion] came to us (who afterwards became a general) we then crossed the River at Ports Ferry and commenced to build a redoubt when we heard the Tories were embodying at a place called blue Savannah [September 4, 1780]<sup>2</sup> we marched immediately and dispersed them, killing some & taking some prisoners, they informed us that there was a large body of Tories about ten miles off, we marched and dispersed them -- From thence we marched to the White Marsh in North Carolina where we lay a few weeks, we marched from there to Black Mingo near Georgetown in South Carolina at which place we defeated the Tories [September 28, 1780]<sup>3</sup> and took 26

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<sup>1</sup> Siege of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>  
& <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_blue\\_savannah.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_blue_savannah.html)

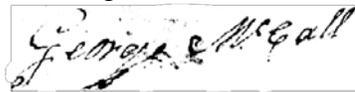
<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_black\\_mingo.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_black_mingo.html)

prisoners (besides some killed) -- I then continued under General Marion under different commanders viz. Capt. Baxter [John Baxter], John T. Green [John Thomas Greene] and Richard Green to the end of the war -- The different sieges & actions I have been in are these -- 1st at Fort Watson [April 16, 1781]<sup>4</sup> on Scotch Lake Santee 2nd Fort Motte [May 7, 1781]<sup>5</sup> near the fork of Wateree & Congaree rivers both of which we took -- previous to this I was engaged in for different actions against Col. Watson of the British besides a number of skirmishes with the enemy, in charges & reconnoitering parties some of which we took the whole or nearly so.

My volunteer services continued with General F. Marion till the end of the war. I have no documentary evidence. In all he states he served three years during the war -- 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.  
S/ B.J. Earle, Presiding Judge

S/ George McCall



[Robert Campbell and Rasha Cannon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Darlington District

On this 24th day of October in the year while Lord 1833 personally up beard in open Court before Richard Gantt one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas & Sessions held for the District & State aforesaid George McCall a resident of Darlington District & State aforesaid aged seventy three years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 viz.

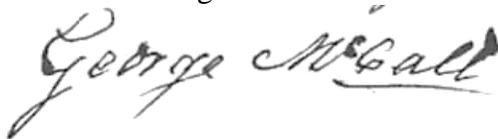
That he was drafted into the service of the United States in the spring of 1777 and served under Capt. Daniel DuBose in Col. Giles's [Hugh Giles'] Regiment two months as a private. That he was again drafted in 1779 & served under Capt. James Gregg we were marched into Charleston expecting to be besieged but the British re-embarked and went off -- out two months as a private -- That in 1780 he was again drafted and under Capt. James Gregg (marched to the ten mile house) who was under Major Thornly [Robert Thornley] we remained there to the end of our term -- two months -- when the British under Sir H. Clinton appeared off the harbor they proposed our volunteering for the defense of Charleston -- which was readily done by every man. I remained in Charleston until the surrender appeared inevitable when it was proposed that those who preferred risking their escape from Charleston to surrender to the British should be allowed to do so. I accepted the proposition with many others who were sent from Charleston to Haddrell's Point in the night by tens -- I escaped -- and remained at home until in July or early in August hearing that Gen. Gates had crossed the Yadkin [River] I & four other young men agreed & immediately set out up the Pedee [River] to join him to proceed to Camden -- we had gone but a few miles when we heard that Col. Giles was raising volunteers for that purpose -- we altered our plan turned down to Giles Bluff where we joined Col. Giles -- remained there about 2 or 3 weeks -- in the meantime Col. Marion came to us -- we got one or 2 old field pieces crossed the

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_watson\\_2.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_2.html)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_fort\\_motte.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fort_motte.html)

Pedee & began a redoubt -- but we heard a party of Tories had collected at Williamsburg meeting house -- we left our redoubt & went to attack them -- on our way we met a Major James -- who had taken the waiting man of the commander by whom we learned that the party was composed of British soldiers, that Gates was defeated,<sup>6</sup> we then recrossed Pedee & the next day hearing of some Tories at the Blue Savannah<sup>7</sup> we marched all night, came on them about twilight routed & took prisoners a whole party -- from the prisoners we learned that eight miles from there -- they were that morning to have been joined by 150 men more -- we proceeded to their camp arrived about 10 o'clock & routed them -- & then returned to our redoubt (began) from thence I went with General Marion & about 70 men to White Marsh in North Carolina where we lay some time -- there I was put under command of Major William Benson (as a trooper) [sic John Benson] he acting as Capt. & returned to South Carolina -- attacked and defeated a party of Tories at Black Mingo Bridge<sup>8</sup> -- again retreated to the borders of North Carolina keeping a lookout for, & harassing the Tories -- then crossed to the West side of Pedee & in skirmishing with the British got our Capt. Benson killed. I then joined John Baxter who was raising a troop of volunteers -- for I dare not be at home for fear of being taken by the Tories -- until the truce between Marion & Gainey -- after which I was two months at home & two months with General Marion -- I was under Capt. Baxter until he was promoted -- then under John T. Green until he was promoted -- when the command of the company was given to Richard Green under whom I served to the close of the war -- two months in service & two out. I was in most of the Battles fought by Marion -- I was at the siege of Fort Watson<sup>9</sup> on a mount at Scotch Lake -- at the siege of Fort Motte<sup>10</sup> & the taking of it -- also in 4 separate actions with General Marion against Col. Watson in 8 days -- & at Quinby<sup>11</sup> when Col. Baxter was wounded -- and in all 13 or 14 sieges -- actions -- charges or skirmishes during the war.

S/ George McCall



Sworn in open Court Fall Term 1833 before  
S/ Richard Gantt, P. Judge  
Answers to interrogatories<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Battle of Camden on August 15-16, 1780.

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

<sup>8</sup> September 4, 1780. [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_blue\\_savannah.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_blue_savannah.html)

<sup>9</sup> September 28, 1780. [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_black\\_mingo.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_black_mingo.html)

<sup>10</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_watson](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson)

<sup>11</sup> May 8-12, 1781. [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_fort\\_motte.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fort_motte.html)

<sup>12</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_quinbys\\_bridge.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_quinbys_bridge.html)

<sup>12</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

1. I was born on Lynches Creek then Georgetown now Marion District September 10th 1760
  2. I have the record from my father's family Bible.
  3. I was living in the then Georgetown District when I entered the service -- from 1784 to 1789 I lived in Georgia then returned to South Carolina & have ever since lived in this district -- Darlington
  4. I went into service three times by draft & continued afterwards a volunteer
  5. At Quinby we were associated with Col. Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] & his Legion & our company charged with Capt. Armstrong [James Armstrong] of that Legion.
  6. Discharged only verbally.
  7. I knew you in the service who are now living in this District James Goodson, Gavin Witherspoon, John Hill & Jehu Kolb<sup>13</sup>
- S/ Richard Gantt

S/ George McCall

South Carolina Darlington District: John Hill<sup>14</sup> came personally before me John B. Bruce & made oath that he knew George McCall in the service. Knew him to be a constant good soldier & that the facts set forth in his declaration & answers are substantially true

Sworn to before me 23rd of October 1833

S/ Jno B. Bruce, C. C. Pls.

S/ John Hill



I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the [present] & declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State & that I have no documentary evidence.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before

S/ Richard Gantt, P. Judge

S/ George McCall

[R. Campbell, a clergyman, Hugh Lide and John Gibson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following Statement shows with as much precision as my memory allows the different terms of service alluded to in the preceding declaration viz.

	Yr.	Mo
1. With Capt. DuBose		2
2. " " Gregg		2
3. " " Gregg		2
4. At the Siege of Charleston		2
5. From joining Giles at Giles Bluff to the truce with Marion & Gainey <sup>15</sup>	1	4
6. Aggregate of balance of Service	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
	3	6

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<sup>7th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

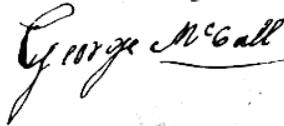
<sup>13</sup> [Jehu Kolb W8011](#)

<sup>14</sup> [John Hill R5012](#)

<sup>15</sup> Tory Micajah Gainey (surname also spelled Ganey). Gainey and his men surrendered to Francis Marion June 8, 1782. [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_bowling\\_green.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_bowling_green.html)

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 5th day of August 1834  
S/ Jno. B. Bruce, Clerk

S/ George McCall



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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>16</sup> relating to George McCall pp 4  
Audited Account No. 4882

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[No.] 383 [Book] Y 26 November 85 [1785]

George McCall for 40 days Duty in Capt. Greene's Troop of Horse in Genl. Marion's Brigade in  
1782 at 20/ [20 shillings old South Carolina Currency] per day is

Currency £40

Stg. [Sterling] £5.14.3 ¼

not attested

Ex<sup>d</sup> J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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Rec'd 26 November 1785, 2 Pounds, 14/3 full Satisfaction for Indent No. 383 Book Y for  
George McCall by an order  
£5.14.3

John McCown



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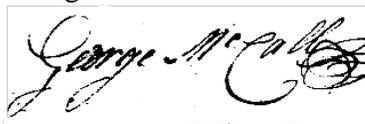
January 4<sup>th</sup> 1786

Gentlemen

Please to send me an Indent to the amount of my Public accounts in your hands by John  
McCown and you will oblige

Your obedient Servant

George McCall



To the Commissioners of the Treasury

I do certify that I saw George McCall Sign the above order

Charles Duvall JP

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<sup>16</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.