Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew McAllister (McCallister) [1] R6602 Elizabeth McAllister f62SC
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

[p 43]

The Humble Petition of Andrew McAllister Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner entered early into the Service of his Country under Capt. John Irvin as his certificate annexed:

That he was a friend to his country in the late American war, fought frequently in its Battles and acted on all occasions as an American Soldier ought. That he was on the Florida expedition[2] & by great fatigue & hardship in the Camp he is now so disabled as to be incapable of gaining by his daily labor subsistence for himself and family that in consequence of his losing the use of one arm & one leg he cannot now make those active exertions which he was able to do formerly -- Your Petitioner therefore humbly prayeth that your honorable House will take into due consideration his case & deplorable situation and made him such donations as they might think proper & hopes they will put him on the Army list.

Your Petitioner will ever pray

S/ Andrew McAllister

[p 44]

To the Honorable the President of the Senate & the Honorable the members of that Honorable House

State of South Carolina Abbeville District: Personally came before me Andrew McAllister & being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he was a friend to the American cause from the beginning of the war & still remained so & also saith that he was in the Florida expedition and Capt. John Erwin's Company under the command of General Andrew Williamson[3] --

And this Deponent further saith that he took sick in the time of the said Expedition in the actual Service of the State aforesaid & that the said sickness continued until this deponent lost the use of one side & that he still continues to want the proper use of his side. This deponent further saith that he had no Negroes or land at the time nor has none at this time & at the time of this deponent took sick he had one child & said child lived till about 4 years of age, & that he

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[1] BLWt34665-160-55

[2] There were three expedition against the territory of Florida during the Revolutionary War.
First Florida expedition: Fall of 1776 http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution09.html
Second Florida expedition: Spring 1777 http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution11.html
Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution12.html

[3] While holding the rank of Colonel in the SC militia, Andrew Williamson led the SC militia in the Third Florida expedition in the Spring of 1778. See, http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/patriot_military_sc_colonels.htm

never received any other annuity that he has been allowed by law and saith that he is still an inhabitant of the State & County aforesaid.
Sworn & subscribed this 11th day November 1793 Before me
S/ Saml. Watt, JP

S/ Andrew McAllister

[p 45]
South Carolina Cambridge 21 November 1793

I do hereby certify that Andrew McAllister a militia Soldier was in my Company from the beginning of the war until the Florida Expedition and was a very active man in the American cause, the hardships and fatigue he had in the said expedition was the sole cause of his being a cripple until this day.

Certified by me

S/ John Irwin, Capt.

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The Committee on Pensions to whom were referred the petitions of Thomas Miller & Andrew McAllister, Report, That they have considered the same & recommend that they be allowed the same pension that maimed & disabled Soldiers are entitled to.
Agreed to & sent to the House of Representatives for their concurrence
13th
Office of Clerk of the Senate of the State of South Carolina

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Petition of Andrew McAllister praying to be placed on the Army list, also the accompanying papers –
Given under my hand 29th March 1855[? last two digits unclear]

S/ W. F. Arthur
S. Librarian & State House Keeper

[p 3]
State of Tennessee Monroe County: SS

On this 2nd day of March 1846 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Elizabeth McAllister a resident of said County and State aged 78 years who 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 the 4th of July 1836. That she is the widow of Andrew McAllister who was a private in the war of the revolution he entered the Service as a volunteer in Abbeville district South Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. John Irwin. She does not remember the year he entered the Service but knows he served at intervals to the end of the war -- he was in the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780],[4] Cowpens [January 17, 1781][5] and at Augusta and also at Savannah he was a pensioner in Pickens district South Carolina. She further declares that she was married to the said Andrew McAllister in the month of March 1782 in Abbeville district South Carolina and that her husband the said Andrew McAllister died in Pendleton district on the 2nd day of September 1831 and that after his death she removed to Monroe County State of Tennessee which she now resides. That she has no mean [?] or documentary evidence of her marriage, that the family Bible containing the date of her marriage and the births of her children

[4] http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html
[5] http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

has been destroyed by fire -- and that she has remained a widow ever since the period of her said husband's death as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

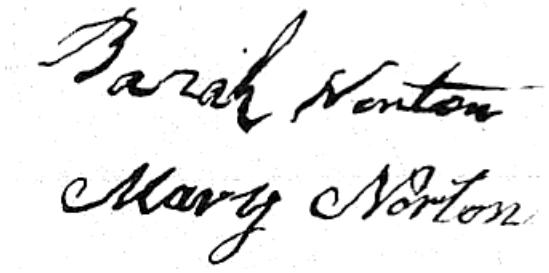
S/ Elizabeth McAllister, X her mark

[Attested by James Montgomery, JP]

[p 27, On March 3, 1846 in Monroe County, TN, Sarah Bayless, 77, testified in support of the widow's petition for a pension stating that she, Sarah, was married January 8, 1783, and that Andrew and Elizabeth McAllister were already married at that time and living together as man and wife, and that she, Sarah, saw them often at the Presbyterian Church in Abbeville District, SC. The affiant signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 29: On March 2nd, 1846 in Monroe County Tennessee, William A. McAllister gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that the veteran died in the month of September 1831 and that Elizabeth G. McAllister has remained a widow since the death of the veteran. He signed his affidavit with his mark. His relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.]

[p 55: On June 16, 1854 in Jackson County North Carolina, Barak Norton and wife, Mary Norton, gave testimony as to the identity of the widow and the reputation of the veteran as a pensioner for service rendered during the revolutionary war.



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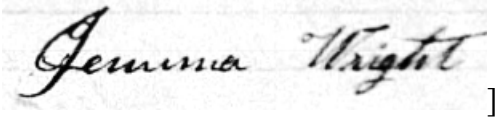
[p 53: On July 22, 1854 in Monroe County Tennessee, Jemima Wright, aged about 38 years, gave testimony stating that she is the daughter of Barak Norton and his wife Mary; that affiant has been well acquainted with Andrew McAllister and his wife Elizabeth from about the age of 11 years; that the applicant for a pension is the identical woman who is the widow of Andrew McAllister; that affiant is the wife of James Wright.



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[p 61: On February 11, 1854 in Monroe County Tennessee, Sarah Bayless gave testimony in support of the widow's application: the affiant states that she became acquainted with the veteran and his wife while she, the affiant, was married to William Dickson[. The affiant signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 5: On March 26, 1855 in Monroe County Tennessee, Elizabeth McAllister, 87 or 88 years of age, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Andrew McAllister. In this application she states "... that her said husband Andrew McAllister deceased was a private in Capt. John Ervin's [John Irwin] Company in a Regiment commanded by Col. McCoul [? perhaps a reference

to Lieutenant Colonel James McCall of the Upper Ninety Six District Regiment of militia] until he was killed[6] and they were commanded by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] first & General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] as she now recollects she states further that her said husband was an invalid Pensioner in the State of South Carolina from December 1800 for several years and was then transferred to the pension Roll of the United States and drew a pension until the day of his death she thinks he drew $96 per year from the General Government...." She states she married her husband on or about the 29th day of March 1782 when she was about 15 years of age.]

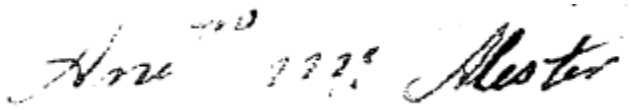
[Facts in file: Veteran and wife were married by Robert White, JP in Abbeville District.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts[7] relating to Andrew McAlester (McAllister) pp 18
Audited Account No. 4873.5
Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves 12/15/23

[p 3: The same petition as transcribed from page 43 of the pension file above.]

[p 4: Note: very faint document, use the following transcript with caution.]
State of South Carolina
Abbeville County} Personally came Before me Andrew McAllister and Being duly Sworn deposeth and saith that he was [text obliterated] to the American cause from the beginning of the war and still Remains so, and Also saith that he was on the Florida Expedition in Capt. John Erwin's [sic] Company, Under the command of General Andrew Williamson and this deponent further saith that he took sick the time of the said Expedition in the Actual Service [text too faint to discern] this deponent Lost the Use of one Side and that he still [text too faint to discern]. This deponent further saith that he has no Negroes or Land at the time nor has none all this time and although [text too faint to discern] lived till about four years [text too faint to discern] and that he Never received any Annuity that has been Allowed by Law and saith that he is still [text too faint to discern] of the State and county aforesaid

Andw McAlester



Sworn and Subscribed
this 11th day of [undeciphered] 1793
before me
Samuel Watt, JP

[p 5]
I do Certify that Andrew McCalester [sic] has served in this Stat [sic] before the year Seventy

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[6] If the reference is to Lieutenant Colonel James McCall, he is thought to have died in May 1781 of smallpox. See http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/patriot_military_sc_lt_colonels.htm

[7] 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.

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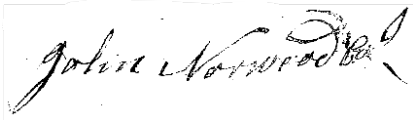
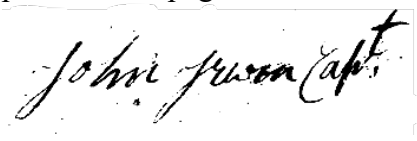


[p 6: Note: The original of the affidavit given by Captain John Irwin as transcribed from the pension file, page 45.



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[p 8]
Andrew McCallister [sic] was returned by Captain John Erwin – during the time he lingered under the care of Doctor Russell which was 5 years – having lost the use of one side, – which still continues in the Florida Expedition.
Mr. Thomas Wiley Senr. Did Duty under Captain Dawson which is not returned – but I am told he had joined the British – [undeciphered word or abbreviation] did [undeciphered word or abbreviation] from his duty to obtain forgiveness –
The same of Samuel McClinton – &
James Thomson, & two other Thomson Claim Indents & are in the same situation & for services since the reduction of Charlestown £6.15.8 ½ in book P 322 & true the Indent
Andrew McCallister is not returned by Captain John Irwin

[pp 9-12: Vouchers indicate that the veteran was paid an annual annuity of $60 beginning June 3, 1819 and ending May 30, 1831.]

[p 14]

The State of South Carolina

To the President and other members of the Senate And the Speaker and other members of the House of Representatives in General Assembly convened.

The humble Petition of Elizabeth McAllester widow of Andrew McAllester Senior late of Pendleton District deceased

Sheweth to your Honorable body, That her late Husband hath been for many years afflicted & helpless, that about the middle of the last winter he was taken with some disease which disabled him from doing any thing. And your petitioner was compelled to watch over and wait on him by day and by night from that time until 1st September 1831 when he died leaving your petitioner with four small children to support with a small tract of 126 acres of poor Land on Oconee Creek which is mortgaged to David Sloan – A small sorrel horse with no cows or hogs except one sow & young pigs or sheep or property of any kind except a little very ordinary household furniture of little value. That she by attention to her said Husband in his last illness could not attend to making any support or crop. She was compelled to buy necessities of life on a credit. And has no means of paying, nor has she now any way to support her children except her labor & the charity of her neighbors – She therefore Humbly prays Your Honorable body to continue to her or Grant her a pension and pleads the wounds & services of her late

husband as calling on his Country in behalf of a poor friendless widow, and four Orphaned children – And if you should not grant a continuance of said pension that you will grant such other relief as the sufferings & necessities of your petitioner & her children shall seem meet.[8] And your petitioner will ever pray

Elizabeth McAllester, E her mark

The State of South Carolina
Personally appeared Elizabeth McAllester above named and made Oath that the facts as stated in the above petition is financially true.

Elizabeth McAllester, E her mark

Sworn to 8th November 1831
before me Joseph Gresham, Notary Public

[p 18: The committee on pensions recommended that the petition not be granted. The reasons for so recommending are not stated in this file.]

[8] In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper…." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.