

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James McElhenny [McElheny, McElhany] SC5450
pp 29 Audited Account No. 5030

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30 November 1812

Capt. Mills

Petition of James McElhenney [sic] praying and account rendered for services done and property lost be returned to him for the purpose of being certified.

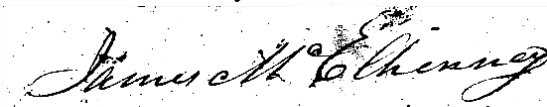
Refd [referred] to the Comptroller

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To the Honourable the Speaker and house of Representatives

The petition of James McElhenny of Chester District humbly Sheweth that your petitioner rendered an account to William Tate for services done and property lost during the last War part of which was not paid for want of vouchers & your petitioner therefore prays that said account may be delivered to him for the purpose of having it duly certified. And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

James McElhenney



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Petition of James McElheny [sic] praying for the Balance of an Indent for Services, & property lost during the Revolutionary War

Claims

Mr. McCreary

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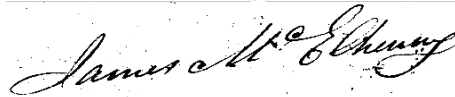
To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate

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And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

James McElhenny



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December 9, 1812

Report of Committee on claims on the petition of James McElheney [sic]

Journal [undeciphered word]

Tomorrow

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Committee on claims to whom was referred the petition of James McElhany [sic] praying payment for arrears of pay due him for Services rendered in the Revolutionary war

Report that they have duly considered the same, and recommend that the petition of James McElhany be referred to the Comptroller General to examine and report thereon to the next meeting of the Senate

Samuel Mays, CCC

8th December 1812

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Petition of James & Stephen McElhenney [sic] pray in Compensation for Services & Horses lost in the Revolutionary War

N 15 to Report

against 1815

December 10, 1814

Comptroller General

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To the Honorable the President & Members of the Senate of the State of So. Carolina,
The petition of James & Stephen McElheney² [sic], humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner's were among the first that turned out to defend their Country under Genl. Sumpter [Thomas Sumter], Col. Lacey's [Edward Lacey's] Regiment, when invaded by the British in the Revolutionary War. That each of them lost two horses of their own property while in actual service with two [word obliterated] while the Army laid at Clams Branch [Clem's Branch] in the Indian Lands and the two others killed or taken by the Enemy in the attack Genl. Sumpter made on Wrights Bluff.³ That their accounts for their services & loss of their horses, was returned in due time in Captain Mills [John Mills, Jr.]

² [Stephen McElhenney S21368](#)

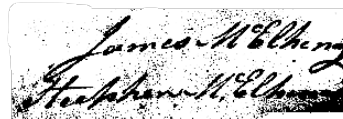
³ Fort Watson #1, Feb. 24, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_1.html &c
Fort Watson#2, April 16-23, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_2.html

the Role [sic, Roll] by Captain William Tate the property returning Officer. That they have received part of their Indents and have understood that the balance (which is supposed to be for the horses) remained, as not being properly certified.

Your petitioner's therefore request that their case may be referred to Comptroller General to examine the Original Documents, & report thereon to the next Session of the Legislature (if he cannot before) when your petitioner's will be properly prepared to establish their claims &c

And as in duty bound will ever pray
Novr. 1814

James McElheny
Steephen McElheny



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Memorandum for the representatives of Pendleton District

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Gentlemen in Looking over some of the late acts of the general assembly I find Revolutionary property still paid for two individuals in the Act for 1816 James McElhany for services & property in page 76 – the late War Thomas Henning for Express riding 's & loss of Horse in page 78 – in page 80 Thomas Hannah for two Horses & other property – and in the Act 1817 Stephen McElheny for property lost in the Revolutionary War – now Gentlemen I am ready to be Qualified that I was well acquainted with James McElhenny & Thomas Hannah & we were soldiers together during the said war.

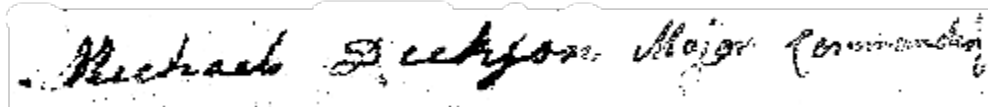
I also further state that after receiving the Express from Major Genl. Gates [Horatio Gates] that I came through York by Col. Watson's where Genl. Thomas Sumpter Lay wounded & brought several Letters from Genl. Sumter to Col. McCall and other Officers.

[no evidence of a signature on this document or other indication who gave this testimony]

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State of South Carolina Pendleton District } I do hereby Certify that James McElheany [sic] was a true friend to his Contrey [country] duering the Revolutionary War did lose a mare to the best of my knoledge and belife and he was fully intitiled to pay for said mare the mare was lost in the year 1780 at Clems branch
Given under my hand the 24th day of June 1815

Michael Dickson Major Commander



I hearby certify that Major Michal Dickson did signe the above Certifycat in my presince the day and date above writen

John Wilson QU

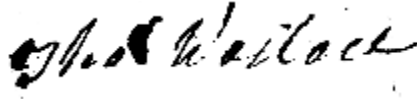
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South Carolina Chester District } Personally Apeared Before me Thomas Wallace and Being Duely Sworn agreable to Law Saith uponHis oath that He was pearsonally at Rights Bluff as a prisoner at the Time of Gen. Sumter Having a Scrimdge with The Brittish and did See from the

Fort the Brittish go to Attact our Men Near the Fort and Heard the Action from The Beginning to End In Which He Believes James Mcelheny Lost His Horse which said Wallace Believes Amongst the Horses taken by the British said Mcelheney's Horse Was Sworn Unto this 10th Day of October 1816 before me

Ths. Davis JP

Thos. Wallace

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos. Wallace". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[p 29: The Petitioners petitioned for interest on the amounts paid them for the loss of their property. There is no indication of action on this petition dated November 23, 1818.]