Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Malcolm McNeill W18495 Nancy McNeill f39NC Transcribed by Will Graves 2/26/09: rev'd 2/5/17

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State of North Carolina Robeson County

On this the 30th day of December A.D. 1851 before the subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Jane McNeill, resident of said County, aged 60 years; who having been duly sworn, doth upon her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836. --That she is the daughter of Malcolm McNeill, who was a soldier of the revolutionary Army, that her father the said Malcolm McNeill as she has been informed and frequently heard served in the war of the Revolution as a private under Capt. Simon Hadley, Capt. Ard [Thomas Ard], Capt. John Cox and Capt. Walsh [John Welch] at different periods for 3 or 4 years. She is unable to state in what year is his services were performed, but has frequently heard him say he served for several years and that he was in the battle of Cain Creek [sic, probably Lindley's Mill, [September 13, 1781] and Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], and that he served a part of his time at Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) and Wilmington. That her father the said Malcolm McNeill was married to her mother Nancy McNeill (whose maiden name was Nancy McNeill) in the Spring of 1776, in the County of Cumberland and State of North Carolina and that he died on the 16th of November 1810: That her mother Nancy McNeill died on the 18th of September 1847 aged 93 years. She therefore makes this application in behalf of herself and Neill McNeill, Hector McNeal, Turquill McNeill, Elizabeth Watson and Flora McCarter, who are the only surviving children; for the pension due her mother the aforesaid Mrs. Nancy McNeill.

S/ Jane McNeill

June Me Will

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me S/ Malcolm C. McNeill, JP

[p 7 is a copy of the marriage license bond given by Malcolm McNeill & Hector McNeill, bondsmen, in Cumberland County on April 4th, 1778, to secure the marriage of Malcolm McNeill to Nancy McNeill of said County.]

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State of North Carolina Robeson County

On this the 24th day of January A.D. 1852 personally appeared before me the undersigned and acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County Mrs. Mary McNeill of Richmond County

(she appeared before me in Robeson County) aged 81 years who being by me duly sworn deposeth & saith That she was well acquainted with Malcolm McNeill of Cumberland County who died many years ago and that she has often heard her husband Lauchlin McNeill¹ say that said Malcolm McNeill served with him in the Revolutionary war and that they were together in the Battles of Hillsboro, Guilford and Cain Creek and that the said Malcolm McNeill was always reputed and recognized as a soldier of said war, she further states that she was acquainted with Nancy McNeill wife of Malcolm McNeill before and after the death of her husband and that she the said Nancy McNeill was the widow of the said Revolutionary soldier Malcolm McNeill. Sworn to and subscribed before me the date above written.

S/ Malcolm C. McNeill, JP

S/ Mary McNeill, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Moore County

This day personally appeared before me James Lett an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County & State aforesaid Col. Jacob Gaster² A.D. pensioner of the United States & after being sworn according to law deposes & saith as follows first that he is Eighty-Seven years of age & a citizen of the County of Moore & State aforesaid & that he was personally acquainted with Malcolm McNeill & wife Nancy of the County of Cumberland & State aforesaid & further states that Malcolm McNeill was married to his wife Nancy in the year 1776 & that he often visited their house & saw them living together as husband and wife & he knew them to live together as such until 1810 and then separated by death -- he further states that Malcolm McNeill was a Soldier of the Whig Ranks in the Revolutionary War -- & further states that he entered in the service about 1780 & he remained for 2 or 3 years at different periods & that he served under Capt. Simon Hadley & Capt. __ Cox [John Cox] he thinks that he has some recollection of a Capt. Ard & a Capt. Walsh but can't say distinctly -- February the 10th 1852 Sworn to & subscribed

Certified under my hand and seal this February 10th A.D. 1852 S/James Lett, JP

S/ Jacob Gaster

[Note: This file contains a large number of affidavits given by various members of the McNeill family and others as to what they heard the veteran say as to his services during the revolution. Anyone interested in this family would find the full contents of this file of interest.]

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[p 34: NC Comptroller's Certificate]

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¹ Lauchlin McNeill W7437

² Jacob Gaster S6871

State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office I, William & Clarke, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the payment, made by said State to sundry person, for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows to wit: Mulcolm Mc Soill Book 10.23 page 22 5. 116 Su specie " 8 " 40£5 S10. " " 11 " 16 f. 21. Sit - for Militia dervices 18th diz_ Indent ifuel by Auditors of Wilmington District length 1783 for £20. specie, for militia services.

The foregoing payment, appear to have been principally for services subsequent to the year 1780.

In lustimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and af fixed my seal of office, this 21st. day of February 1852. Winfblarke Compto

[Veteran's widow was granted a posthumous pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]