Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McCall W9545
Transcribed by Will Graves

Grizzell McCall

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State of South Carolina York District

On this 11th day of April 1846 personally appeared in open Court and before the Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions now sitting in Yorkville for the District and State aforesaid, Hilliriah McCall, a resident of the said District aged fifty-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7 1838, Entitled An Act granting half pay and Pensions to Certain Widows, Also the benefit of the acts of March 3rd 1843, and June 17th 1844.

That this declarant the aforesaid Hilliriah McCall in the behalf of himself and the other heirs of John McCall deceased States, that said John McCall was a private Soldier in the Army of the Revolution as the heirs do understand, and as such he served the United States against the common Enemy. That he the said John McCall entered the service of the United States in July 1780, under Capt. __ Col. Hill [William Hill], General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] of the South Carolina Militia; that soon after entering the Army he was in the Battle of the Hanging Rock in August 1780 [August 6, 1780] from thence the Army marched on to Camden when they had and Engagement with the British in the same month General Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]² and the said John McCall was taken prisoner by the British & confined in prison at Camden for seven months, to wit, till the month of March, 1781, at which time he was exchanged and liberated. That soon after leaving prison he the said John McCall joined the Army and served a short tour in the Militia; and in June or July 1781, he the said John McCall Enlisted into Capt. Gileses [James Giles'] Company Col. Hill's Regiment of the State Troops Sumter's Brigade and served out his tour of Enlistment. That during his services in the State Troops he was in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs in September 1781 [September 8, 1781]³ and that he the said John McCall took one John Golliher, a British Fifer prisoner a circumstance that declarant has often heard said Golliher relate since the days of the Revolution, declarant further States, that he claims that the said John McCall was in the service, and prison, during the Revolution as follows. First tour in 1780, eight months, one month service, & seven months Imprisonment. Second tour Spring of 1781, two months. Third & last tour in the Summer of 1781 in the State Troops ten months making in all twenty months.

He further declared that the said John McCall was married in January 1791 in the district

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution battle of hanging rock.html

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution battle of camden.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

of York, to Grizzell McKenzie, and as husband and wife they lived together till the death of said John McCall who died on the 10th day of July 1807, and that his widow Grizzell departed this life on the 27th day of March 1846, not having intermarried after the death of her said husband John McCall deceased.

And he also declared that he has in support of the date of the marriage of the parties aforesaid their old original family Record showing the date of their marriage together with the births of their Children, which is in the hand writing of said John McCall deceased and that he the declarant believes that it is correct and true, and that the original is hereunto appended.

Sworn to, and subscribed on the day and year first above written before the Court. S/ Edward Frost, Presiding Judge

S/ Hilliriah McCall

[p 6 is the original family record]

John McCall & Grizzell McKinzie was married Janny 25th 1790

Alfred Allison McCall was born the 18th day of Oct. 1791

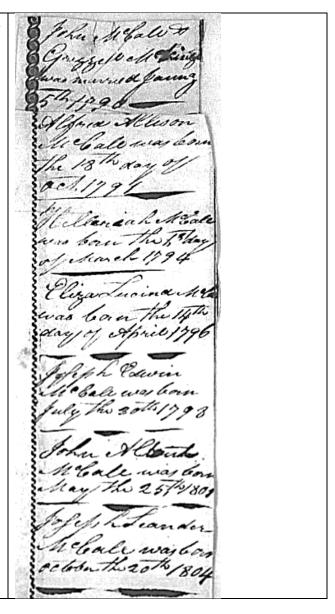
Hillariah McCall was born the 6th day of March 1794

Eliza Lucind McCall was born the 14th day of April 1796

Joseph Edwin McCall was born July the 30th 1798

John Albert McCall was born May the 25th 1801

Joseph Leander McCall was born October the 20th 1804



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Comptroller's Office Charleston 20th July 1847

I hereby Certify that the following is a true and correct Copy of so much of the Original Pay Roll of James Giles Captain in Colonel William Hill's Regiment of State Troops dated March 30th 1782, as related to John McCall private in said Captain Giles' Company

Copy

Commencement of Service 5th April 1781
Rank Private
Time of Services 10 months
Pay & Bounty in Negroes 1 Great
ditto Received 0

Balance due 1 Great Negro

Wm J. Laral

for Comptroller General

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State of South Carolina York District

On this 11th day of March 1846, personally appeared before me, A. S. Wallace one of the acting Magistrates in and for said District & State William Carson, ⁴ a Revolutionary Pensioner of the State of South Carolina a resident Citizen of the District of York & State aforesaid aged 85 years and made Oath in due form of Law, That he was in the days of the Revolution, as well as since, well acquainted with John McCall a Soldier deceased, whose widow Grizzell, now a resident of the District of York is an applicant for a pension due to her as widow of the aforesaid John McCall a Revolutionary Soldier deceased,

That he deponent knows of his own personal knowledge that the aforesaid John McCall, husband of the above Claimant, did Enlist into Capt. Giles' Company Hill's Regiment of the State Troops, and that he did serve a Tour of duty in that Troop. That in the year 1780 or '81, he deponent served a tour of duty of three months in what is known as the Orangeburg Campaign under Capt. John Peters of the Militia, who, was with the State Troops and on that occasion he deponent was in service with the aforesaid John McCall who belonged to the State Troops as aforesaid, Sumter's Brigade; and after serving out his three months Tour he was discharged, & left the Army -- and also left the said John McCall in the service where he remained as he has always understood, & believes, until he served out his Enlistment.

This deponent further states on his oath, That he has always understood & believes that the said John McCall served in the Militia some tours of which he has no personal knowledge. That he was a good Whig & as such he served his Country against the Common Enemy.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year first above written.

Before me S/AS Wallace, Magistrate

S/ William Carson, X his mark

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State of South Carolina York district

On this 10th day of April 1846, personally appeared before me, the subscriber a

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⁴ William Carson S9305

Magistrate in and for said District Robert Wilson⁵ one of the surviving Soldiers of the Revolution, & a pensioner of the United States and made Oath in due form of law, that he was in the days of the Revolution as well as since well acquainted with John McCall deceased whose heirs are now applying for a pension due to the widow of said John McCall deceased. That he deponent knows of his own personal knowledge that said John McCall was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution: that said John McCall joined General Sumter's Army a short time before the Battle of Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]⁶ and was in the said Battle which was in August 1780, and from thence said McCall left with others who joined General Gates who was on his march to Camden when said General was defeated, and said John McCall was taken prisoner, as he always understood and confined for some months in prison by the Enemy at Camden declarant further states that he thinks that the said John McCall was in Capt. Jno Henry's Company Col. Hill's or Bratton's [William Bratton's] Regiment.

This declarant also states that he has always understood that said John McCall served a term in the State Troops under Gen. Sumter a fact of which deponent has no personal knowledge.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me

S/A. S. Wallace, Magistrate

Robert Wilson
Robert Milson

[Facts in file: the file contains affidavits by Alfred McCall, son of the veteran, (p 56); Caroline G. Boggs (p 57); Martha Boggs, about 59 years old and the widow of Joseph Boggs, (p 61) (sister of Grizzle McKinzie McCall)

Caroline G Boggo

[p 59: On December 25, 1846 in York District South Carolina, Catherine Miller gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of John McCall and his wife Grizzle McKinzie at the house of her father Joseph McKenzie in York District South Carolina; that the affiant's oldest child a daughter named Catherine is about the same age as Hilliriah McCall and that Catherine will be 50 years old on February 6th next; that affiant believes Alfred McCall the eldest son of John and Grizzle is about 55 years old.

⁶ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

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[p 62: On January 14, 1847 in York District South Carolina, Francis Curry gave testimony that he has been well acquainted with John McCall, a revolutionary Soldier since the time of said war; that he, affiant, was present at the wedding of John McCall and Grizzle McKinzie at the home of her father Joseph McKenzie in 1790 or 91; that affiant was married in the month of September 1797 at which time the veteran and his wife were living together and had a family of children including Alfred their oldest now more than 54 or 5 years of age; that affiant has often heard John McCall and John Galaher [John Gallagher?] Speak of McCall's taking Gallagher prisoner at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs where Gallagher was serving as a British Fifer.

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[Veteran's widow was posthumously awarded a pension at the rate of \$48.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband service as a private or 10 months in the South Carolina cavalry and 2 months as a private in the South Carolina infantry, all in the militia.]