

a Brown complexion, Brown Eyes, Round Visage, Stout made and Brown Hair, born in the Parish of Eddrachiles in the County of Sutherland, by Trade a Laborer.

Given under my Hand and the Regimental Seal at Stirling Castle, this 13th Day of October 1802, C. Campbell, Lt. Col. Ferceys.

The reverse bears the following:

To all concerned:

I do acknowledge to have received my Pay, Arrears of Pay, clothing of all Sorts and all other just Demands, from the Time of my Inlisting into the within mentioned Regiment to this Day of my Discharge and fourteen days pay to convey me home, without deductive on account of my debt due my Captain or officer commanding pay of my company. Witness my hand at Stirling Castle this 13th Day of October 1802, John McLeod, Serg't. witness persent: John Cochrane, Sergernt Major.

The Uniform of the Highland Regiments was the Highland dress, including a distinctive tartan. The soldier wore a coartee of Scarlet, a kilt, a plaid across the shoulders, a plume and other attributes of the Gallic costume.

It seems that John McLeod did not stay long in Hillsboro but went into Moore County and there bought a farm of 50 acres near where the town of Pinehurst now stands. While living there he served in the war of 1812. He had gone into debt for his land and for some reason-perhaps on account of being in the army-he was unable to pay the debt when due. At that time imprisonment for debt, that barbarous English law was still in force in North Carolina. Being threatened with the jail he put his family and what household goods he could take in a wagon and left Moore County in the night time never to return. He came to Iredell where he lived about eight years before locating at his old home in Little River. he died March the 10th 1862, aged 90 years. He was a high spirited Scotchman, proud of his Scotch blood, a man possessed of both physical and moral courage. He was absolutely honest and true as steel to his convictions. He was industrious and frugal. Also a kind hearted, social fellow speaking with a strong Scotch brogue. His education was somewhat limited but he was well informed for a man of his day. He always took a good newspaper and kept in touch with what was going on in the world.

It was his prediction on first coming to this country, that negro slavery would one day cause civil war and eventually prove to be the ruin of the South. He was public spirited and took an interest in education, politics and public affairs generally. In politics he was an "old line Whig". He belonged to the A.R.P. Church holding his membership at New Sterling in Iredell County.

His Decendants.

John McLeod had seven children, six by first marriage and one by the second, two boys and five girls. In the order of their ages they are: Hugh, William, Barbara, Annie, Jennie, Elizabeth, and Mary Ann. They are all dead now.

Hugh died quite young.

William McLeod was a strong hardy man, having a fine constitution, great vitality and spendid powers of endurance. He lived to the advanced age of 92 years. he was a very hardworking man who attended strictly to his own business. He was an honest, truthful, reliable man and had strong convictions and decided views concerning all matters that claimed his attention. When a child, he had the misfortune to crawl into the fire and got his hands so badly burned that only the thumb and forefinger of each hand remained and they were greatly injured. He also had the misfortune twice during

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his life time to have his dwelling house burned. Notwithstanding all this he went forward with the energy and courage of a true Scotchman, making a good living for a large family, educating them and at the same time acquiring property. He was the father of ten children, four boys and six girls.

The oldest child was named John. he died when quite young. Then followed Sherrill, John, and Hugh, Mary Ann, Jane, Rebecca, Barbara, Lou, and Amanda.

Sherrill married first, a Miss Watts who died. Later he married a lady named Smith. He lives in Alexander County.

John married a daughter of the late Francis McRary.

Hugh, who is now dead, married a Miss Watts of Alexander.

Jane became the wife of Mastin Smith.

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Rebecca married W.L. Laxton, she is now dead. Amanda and Lou became first and second wives respectfully of E.F. McRary.

Barbara the oldest daughter, of John McLeod married Adam Oxford and they had seven children, to wit: Hugh, Harvey, Wallace, Lafayette, John, Ann and Louisa. Of these only one is now living, Dr. John Oxford, a practicing physician and several years Register of Deeds of Alexander County. All the boys except Lafayette served in the Confederate army. The oldest son, Hugh Oxford, was a boy of splended mind and bright promise, well educated and gifted as an orator. He was a magnetic, attractive fellow who made friends wherever he went. When the war between the states came on he was one the first to volunteer to go to the front. He made a fine soldier and was killed in the second days fighting at Chancellorsville. Harvey and Wallace went west. Mary Ann married William Robinson who settled in Texas. Louisa was the first wife of Adam Sherrill of Lower Creek.

Annie, second daughter of John McLeod, married Elijah Reid. They raised four children: John, William, Mack, and Lizzie. John was a Confederate soldier; he married Mattie Sherrill. William married a Reid; Mack married Kate Sherrill, while Lizzie became the wife of Dr. Toppings of Blowing Rock. Mac, and William are the only members of this family now living. William's home is in Little River while Mack lives in Burke County.

Jennie, third daughter of John McLeod, married John Brown. They raised six children, Milton, Mary Ann, Martha, Matilda, Amanda, and Sarah. Milton died while serving in the Confederate army. Mary Ann married Jonas Stine; Amanda married John Stine; while Martha married William Downs. All the members of this family are now dead.

Elizabeth, fourth daughter of John McLeod, married the late Morgan Blair. They had ten children, to wit: Enos, William, Milton, Caldwell, Hartwell, Hugh, Louisa, Elizabeth, Mary Ann and Sarah. Enos, William and Louisa died young. Milton and Caldwell served in the Confederate army, Milton being first Lieut. of a company in the 26th N.C. Regt. He is said to have been a very brave soldier. He married Amanda Hickman. Caldwell married Sophronia Teague. Milton and Caldwell are no dead. Hartwell, now of the state of Oklahoma, married Sarah Deal. He became a newspaper editor and politician. and of course is well remembered by the people of Caldwell County. He at one time represented this district in the state senate. He was the founder and editor of the Carolinian of Hickory and the Chronicle at Lenoir, afterward, moved to Wilkesboro and for several years editor of the Lenoir Topic. He has been a member of the Legislature of his adopted state and is now publishing a newspaper there. Hugh became a minister of the Methodist church. He is now the editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, the organ of the Western North Carolina Conference. Elizabeth married a Mr. Morehead. Mary Ann married Harvey Meadows while Sarah married Elisha Oxford.

Mary, the last and youngest daughter of the original John McLeod married David Downs. They had five children, John, Robert, Lou, Lizzie, and Lula. Of these only John and Robert are now living. Lizzie became the wife of Henry Hermon. John married Clara Hartley and lives at the old homestead in Little River while Robert married Eula Bell and made his home in Alexander County.

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