

Revolutionary Soldiers buried in Hart County Georgia

John McMullan, of Scotch-Irish descent, was born in Dublin, Ireland, about 1740, emigrated to America and settled in Virginia, in that part known as Orange County then later Rockingham County; was married to Theodisia Beasley (first wife), Orange County, Va., about 1766 or 1767, and after the American Revolution settled in Swift Run Gap of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Orange County, Va., on a tract of land of about 400 acres patented to him by the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1796; was a private in the Revolutionary War and, as related by his youngest daughter, Lavinia Smith, to Judge Frank M. McMullan, of Orange, Va. fought on the side of the Patriots and Colonists; was a tailor by trade and out out and made the first military suit worn by George Washington after he was made Commander-in-Chief of the Army. The tailor's chest, made of cypress, which John McMullan brought from Ireland, went into possession of his son Patrick, who in turn handed it down to his son William ~~xxxxx~~.

John McMullan was married to Elizabeth Stowers (second wife), born in Orange County, Va., 1763, and died in Clayton County, Ga., 1848, daughter of Mark Stowers, of Orange County, Va., about 1786. Gar

He sold his land in Swift Run Gap in 1797 and moved to Elbert County, Ga., (that part of Elbert County became Hart County in 1853) with three of his five children by his first wife, namely: Patrickm Catherine Shiflet and John, first two married; and six of his children by his ~~xxx~~ second wife, namely: Neal, Jeremiah, Lewis, Thomas, Fielding and Nancy, afterwards the wife of James Mills. He left in Virginia two children by his first wife, namely: James and Mary, the wife of Wm. Lewis Powell. Four children by his second wife were born in Elbert County, Ga., namely: Sinclair, Daniel, Elizabeth and Lavinia.

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He died in 1817 in what was then known as Elbert County, Ga., later known as Hart County, and was buried in a family burying ground at the brow of the hill on the north side of Big Cedar Creek and on the east side of the public road. His grave was marked by a granite tombstone in 1896 by suggestion of Judge Frank M. McMullan, of Orange, Va., a great grandson of the Irish ancestor, who contributed thereto, the other contributions being made by local descendants.

The inscription on the monument is as follows:

IN MEMORY OF

JOHN McMULLAN

BORN IN IRELAND IN 1740

EMIGRATED TO VA. IN 1760

Was A SOLDIER IN THE WAR OF 1776

Moved to Ga. in 1797

DIED IN DEC., 1817

Authority: History of Hart County Georgia by John W. Baker, pages 178,179.

John McMullan served in Capt. William Johnston's Company, 11th Virginia Regiment of Foot, (Private) commanded by Col. Daniel Morgan (regiment also known as 7th Va.) Revolutionary War. He enlisted Feb. 17, 1777 to serve during war, and his name appears on muster roll of said company dated near Morristown, Va. Dec. 9, 1779. See records in Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C. Elbert County Georgia records show where said John McMullan received pension and land grant for services in the Revolutionary War. See National Society Daughters of the American Revolution serial numbers 174803 of Anna Clair Linder Holland (Mrs. R. E.), No. _____ of Nettie McMullan Oglesby (Mrs. Rufus), and No. 123564.