

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William McCoy VAS415

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Point of Fork 17th November 1784

I do Certify that Wm McCoy enlisted in the Virginia Continental line 21st of April 1778 for the War having faithfully Served to the Present date is hereby discharged the Service – Given under my hand the date & Place above by order of the Commandant

S/ J. Brown, Lt. V R

James Wood B. G.

(A Copy)

P. Southall

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[Note: The following documents clearly relate to a veteran named William McCoy, but who is a different person than the veteran referred to in the above discharge.]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the first day of July 1784, in the name of William McCoy, as a Soldier of Infantry for £81.4.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Clendennon and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
17th day of January 1837.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

State of North Carolina County of Lincoln: Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Susanna Boyd a credible witness who makes oath that Abraham Lemon by his intermarriage with Elizabeth McCoy is the only heir of the said Elizabeth's Uncle William McCoy a private in the Virginia Continental line during the war of the revolution and that said William McCoy died without legal issue.

Sworn to and subscribed this 7 day of March 1835

S/ Susanna Boyd, X her mark

State of Georgia County of Butts: Memorial of the heir of William McCoy to the Executive of Virginia – Your memorialists respectfully represents that he intermarried with Elizabeth McCoy niece and only heir of William McCoy a private in the Virginia Continental line during the war of the revolution that he is informed and believes that the said William McCoy enlisted in 1776 or 1777 in the command of Lieutenant William Stevenson of the Virginia Continental line in the County of Rockingham Virginia but your memorialists is not certain as to his rank or Christian name, and that he has heard Stevenson spoken of as Captain. Your memorialists does not remember the number of the Regiment nor the name of the Colonel commanding, but has always understood that the said William McCoy was taken a prisoner at Charleston by the enemy and there died whilst a prisoner. The surrender of Charleston did not take place until 12 May 1780 and if the said William McCoy enlisted at any time before 12 May 1777 he must have served three years if he died the day after the surrender of Charleston and his heirs are entitled in that event to the bounty land promised by the State of Virginia to her soldiers for the service of three years. Your memorialists states that he resides in the County of Butts State of Georgia and respectfully request the Executive of Virginia if proof his presented of the Services of said William McCoy for three years to direct the Register of the Land Office of Virginia to issue a warrant to my attorney-in-fact for bounty land due on account of the Services of the said William McCoy as a private in the Virginia Continental line for three years.

S/ Abraham Lemon

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Abraham Lemon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "A".