

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to George McCoy VAS416

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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

[Note: the index sheet for this file indicates that George McCoy was a "free person of Colour" but there was no indication of that in the documents which compose this file. I note, however, that the images of each of the documents in this file as posted online is compromised and such reference to the racial identity of the veteran may be contained in those missing portions of the image of the documents in this file.]

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... My friend John P Herring Esquire who is at present in the City of Richmond a Member of the house of Delegates my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name and for my use to ask for Demand and receive from the person authorized to pay pensions allowed to Revolutionary Soldiers the amount allowed by the legislature at the present Session for my present relief which I am informed is \$60 and I do hereby authorize my said attorney to Grant a receipt for the same in my name and also to do any other act which I might be required to do were I personally present and I do hereby agree to ratify and confirm anything my said Attorney may do for me. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of February 1821

George McCoy, X his mark

Rockingham County to wit

This day George McCoy personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney to be his act and Deed. Given under my hand and seal this 26 day of February 1821

S/ Rd P. Fletcher

\$60 Audr. Off. 6 March 1821

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... and lawful attorney for me and in my name to ask demand and receive and Grant in my name a receipt for the pension money due and owing to me at Richmond Virginia as a pensioner for wounds received at Buford's defeat [May 29, 1780] in the Revolutionary war and I do hereby

confirm whatever my said attorney may in my name do in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26 day of November 1821

S/ George McCoy, X his mark

Richard P Fletcher to whom the above power of attorney is granted this day appeared before me a Magistrate in and for the County of Rockingham and made oath that the said power is not given by reason of any transfer Mortgage – sale of the pension or any part thereof for his own use but that the pension to be received is for the sole use and benefit of George McCoy the within named pensioner. Given under my hand this 26th day of November 1821

S/ Henry Welch

Received a warrant for \$30

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Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, *Revolutionary War Pensions Awarded by State Governments 1775-1874, the General and Federal Governments Prior to 1814, and by Private Acts of Congress to 1905*, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2011 p 507 also contains a reference to this veteran as a free man of color who was wounded at Buford's Defeat.

[Note: Nothing I found in either the file or in Bockstruck's book gave any details of the nature or type of wounds sustained by the veteran. Bobby Gilmer Moss and Mike Scoggins' book on African-American Patriots in the Rev War likewise gives on details regarding the veteran's wounds.]