

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Mc Amis (McAmis, McAnnis) VAS549

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

[Note: Most of the documents in this file or even the displayed as split images on different pages or only partial exposures of the entire document with portions either at the top or bottom thereof missing. Consequently, some of the transcriptions below are to be taken with caution.]

[Split image to different pages: pp 2-3]

Campbell Sct.

This day came William Hays & Thos. Ellett
before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made
solemn affirmation they were present and say James
McAmis at the Siege of York when he had received a wound
In the Entrenchment and knew him to be the command
that is allowed a pension by the Legislature of Virginia
Given under my hand this 14 day of October 1795
S/ Thos. M. Clark [??]

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1781 received a Wound in his arm which disabled him from supporting himself by labor, is put on the list of Pensioners in pursuance of the Act of Assembly for that particular purpose made on the 29th of November in the year 1792 with an allowance of fifteen pounds per annum during his life commencing the said 29th day of November 1792.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this
19th day of October 1795
S/ Samuel Coleman S/ R. Brooke [Robert Brooke]

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This Day came William Galbrath and Thomas McAmesh before me the Subscribing Justice and made oath as the Law directs that James McAmas who this Day gave a power of attorney to William Hays is the same person who was wounded at the siege of Little York – Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of December 1795

S/ John Wear, JP

Territory south of Ohio Greene County

[p 10: appears to be a partial image of a power of attorney granted to William Hays]

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State of Tennessee Greene County December 1st 1804: Came before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for said County, James Dinwiddie who being sworn Agreeably to law Deposeth and Saith he was present and saw a certain James McAmis who is at this time living, received a wound in his Right arm Occasioned by the Bursting of a Bomb Shell at the reduction of York Town in the Commonwealth of Virginia when General Cornwallis and the British Army was captured.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
James Galbreath, JP

S/ James Dinwiddie

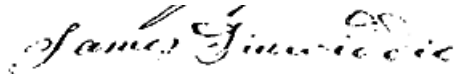


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State of Tennessee Greene County: Came before me one of the Justices of the peace for said County the subscriber James Dinwiddie and being sworn as the law directs Deposeth and saith that a certain James Macmis whom he saw wounded in the right arm at the reduction of York Town when General Cornwallis was captured and whom he is informed was allowed a pension by the State of Virginia is now living. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of December 1803

Given under my hand and seal
S/ James Galbreath, JP

S/ James Dinwiddie



[p 24: There are a number of powers of attorney in this file bearing what purports to be the signature of the veteran which appears as follows on the document posted on this page:



[p 82: Image of the top of this document is missing]

William Edmiston & Nancy Edmiston his wife are of the State of Ohio being the Children & heirs & only surviving heirs of James McAmis Deceased late of the County of Greene & State of Tennessee aforesaid (the said James McAmis deceased being the person who has long drawn an annual pension from the State or Treasury of Virginia for \$50 a year in consequence of his having received a wound by a Bum shell at the siege of York when Cornwallis and the British Army were captured at that place) do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint David Campbell of the County of Washington Virginia now a member of the Virginia Assembly at Richmond heart true & lawful attorney... [Boilerplate power of attorney language not transcribed] "all the money that was due or owing by the State of Virginia aforesaid to the said James McAmis as a pensioner at the time of his deceased which was on the 30th day of November 1822... In witness whereof we have here unto set hands & affixed our seals this 5th day of February 1824.

S/ Alexander Mcamis

S/ John Mcamis
S/ William Edmiston & Nancy his wife
S/ JohnMcamis for himself
S/ Betsy Mcamis, x her mark
S/ Margret Mcamis, x her mark
S/ Jane Mcamis, x her mark

[There or more signatures but they are cut off at the bottom of the page: And attestations on the following page makes reference to the above named people and the following: William McAmis, Eleanor McAmis and Isbel McAmis, presumably all of the above being the heirs at law of the deceased veteran.]

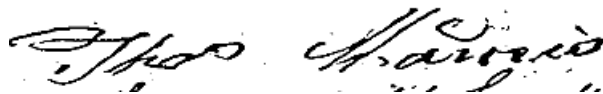
[p 83] State of Tennessee Green County to wit

This day came Thomas McAmis a respectable witness of the County aforesaid & to us well known before us Joseph Brown & William McClure Justices of the peace for said County & being sworn according to law saith that he was at the Siege of York in Virginia when Lord Cornwallis & the British Army was captured at that place in the year 1781 and that James McAmis was also there being then a Militia man in the Virginia line and that the said James McAmis (whose name has sometimes been spelled McCamish) and whose arm was there severely fractured by a Bum shall which bursted and wounded him severely, and that said James McAmis was allowed a pension of \$50 a year by the State of Virginia for a great number [Image of this document cuts off at the bottom of the page at this point]

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[Top of the image of this document is missing] Guardian nor has any person Administered; nor has any executor qualified to settle the business of said decedent's estate & further he saith not. February the 4th 1824

S/ Thos Mcamis

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos McAmis". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.