

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McKinney VAS614

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

Report upon the claim of the heirs of John McKinny – Soldier of the Continental line, for Bounty land for his service

To the Governor of Virginia

Sir

John McKinney was a soldier of the Virginia Continental line, in the war of the Revolution, a certificate issued in his name for £94.10.6 the balance of his full pay & which certificate was delivered to Captain Rice, June 18, 1783. (See Army Register of the Continental line.)

It appears by Mr. Dunscomb Book of settlements of Continental officers & soldiers accounts that John McKinney a Drummer of the Continental line settled his account for a service from January first 1782 to November 15th, 1783 – and received £80 the gratuity allowed by act or Resolution of Congress for a service to the end of the war. (See Mr. Dunscomb Book Letter M)

It does not appear that John McKinney has received his bounty land; or that bounty land has been received by any person, or persons, for his services.

The Petitioners have filed the affidavit of Jeremiah Scoggins & Herbert Heath in support of their claim. The facts which have been proved by those witnesses or – that John McKinney enlisted in the latter part of the year 1776 in the Continental service – that he served to the end of the war; and was wounded, or in the language of the witness, was much abused and that he was a resident of Prince George County Virginia by the Enemy's sword – there is no proof filed of the credibility of these witnesses; but I believe there is such proof filed in some other case, in which they are witnesses in support of a claim or claims. I do not remember in what case the evidence may be found.

It appears that the claimants are entitled to bounty land for the services of John McKinney. If an allowance should be made, for his services as a Soldier of Infantry, it should be for 300 acres of land – he having enlisted prior to April one, 1781 for the war, and served to the end of it. If an allowance should be made for his services as Drummer, it should be for 400 acres of land.

I have no other facts to report in this case.

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith Commissioner &c.

July 2nd, 1835

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 18th day of June 1783, in the name of John McKinney, as a Soldier of Infantry for £94.10.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Captain Rice and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
18th day of March 1835.

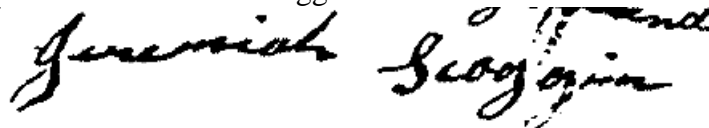
S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

State of Virginia Prince George County

Personally came Jeremiah Scoggins and Herbert Heath who being duly sworn deposed and saith that John McKaney [sic] enlisted in the revolutionary war against Great Britain in the latter part of the year 1776 in the Continental service and served during said war these deponents state they were well acquainted with said John Mackinnan [sic] that after the war he returned home and was very much abused with his [indecipherable words], these deponents do not know the Regiment he was in nor the officers he was under except Captain Call that they know of no other person of the name of John McKaney [sic?] nor do they believe that said McKaney [sic] ever received any Compensation for said services. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July 1834.

S/ Hardeman Webb, JP

S/ Jeremiah Scoggins

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeremiah Scoggins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the signature of Herbert Heath.

S/ Herbert Heath, X his mark

To the Executive of Virginia

The undersigned heirs of John McKinney beg leave respectfully to present their Memorial for Land Bounty to the Executive of Virginia and in support thereof to submit the following statement – that your memorialists are the Daughter-in-law of said John McKinney Deceased and grandson and grand Daughters of the said John McKinney and are citizens of Brunswick County Virginia, that said John McKinney Enlisted in the Revolutionary War in the latter part of the year 1776 in the Continental Service was under Captain Call and served during the War that he enlisted in Prince George County Virginia and after the Close of the War returned home and was while in said war injured by the enemy's sword.

Your memorialist verily believes themselves entitled to Land Bounty for the services of said John McKinney aforesaid, and are induced to this Conclusion more from the reports of others than from any knowledge they themselves possess on the subject, they therefore believe, that if the Claim can receive the advantages of an investigation by the Commissioner appointed therefore that it will be fully shown, they respectfully ask, that their case may be considered and that such a disposition may be made thereof as that right and Justice may be done, Signed 2nd of June 1835

Mary McKinney, daughter in law of John McKinney, deceased, X her mark
Elizabeth Lanier granddaughter of John McKinney, deceased, X her mark
Stacy McKinney granddaughter of John McKinney, deceased, X her mark
Mary Morris granddaughter of John McKinney Deceased, X her mark

[The image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof there appeared to have been at least one more signature on this petition, perhaps others. Indeed the acknowledgment indicates that someone by the name of Samuel M McKinney signed the petition. Presumably he is the grandson of the veteran referred to in the petition.]