

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McPherson BLReg75166-55

Linda McPherson f14VA

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[Note on cover sheet: "widow was a resident of Fairfax Virginia in 1855]

State of Virginia County of Fairfax: to wit

On this 28th day of March A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Linda McPherson aged eighty-four years a resident of Fairfax County in the State of Virginia who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of William McPherson deceased who was a private in the Army during the Revolutionary War, that she has forgotten the name of the Captain of the company & Colonel of the Regiment in which he served, that her husband enlisted about eighteen months before the close of the War, at West In the, and was honorably discharged at or near Baltimore soon after the War was over.

She further states that she was married at Colchester to the said William McPherson between the years 1791 and 1793 by one Lee Massie, that her name before her said marriage was Linda Smitherson, that her said husband died in the County of Fairfax State of Virginia about six months before the great fresh (see affidavit of Thomas Hall) and that she is now a widow. She makes this declaration to obtain the Bounty Land to which he is entitled under the Act approved March 3rd 1855 and she declares that she has never received any warrant for Bounty land under any previous Act of Congress.

S/ Linda McPherson, X her mark

I Thomas Hall a resident of Fairfax County in the State of Virginia being upon oath declare that I was well acquainted with William & Linda McPherson during the life of the said William, they lived near me and always lived together as man and wife until his death which I perfectly remember [indecipherable word or words] and swear that the great fresh was in June of the year 1804, that Mrs. McPherson spoke of is the same now here present, and I know that she is now a widow, and that she has never been married since the death of her husband the said William McPherson.

S/ Thomas Hall, X his mark

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line 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, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 9th day of June 1783 in the name of William

McPherson as Sold. Inf. and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £59.6.3, delivered to himself but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
2nd day of April 1855.

[No Seal of Office]

S/ G. W. Chetter
Auditor Pub. Accts.