

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Crier R6720 Martha McGinney<sup>1</sup> fn27SC  
Transcribed by Will Graves 6/8/11

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### State of South Carolina Georgetown District

On this first day of November 1838, personally appeared before James Smith Esquire Justice of the Quorum Mrs. Martha McGinney a resident of the Town of Georgetown in the district and State aforesaid, who will be seventy-nine years of age the 17th Instant and who, being first sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3rd 1837: That she was married to James Crier who was a volunteer in the Revolutionary War. He entered the service just before the British invaded Charleston, remained in the service about two years when he was killed in battle. This deponent cannot designate the particular battle in which Mr. Crier was killed for he was in service under General Marion's command and the partizan warfare conducted by that distinguished officer, that his followers into such frequent & numerous engagements with the enemy that it is impossible to say in what particular engagement or on what particular field Mr. Crier was killed. Certain it is, however, that he died in the defense of his country, and was universally reputed a brave and fearless soldier. Mr. Crier was a resident of Georgetown in this State – the present residence of this deponent at the time he entered the service. He was at one time attached to Captain Snipes' Company & had another and subsequent period to Captain Singleton's Company, of which he was a member when he was killed. She further declares that she was married to the said James Crier in 1777, the month not recollected as she has no record of her marriage, and his death occurred, as before stated, about 2 years after he entered the service. She was afterwards married to James McGinney, who was also a Revolutionary Soldier & served through the whole war, first as an enlisted soldier & afterwards as a volunteer in General Marion's command. Mr. James McGinney died 10th of February 1824, since which this deponent has been a widow, was there for a widow on the 4th of July 1836 & still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before James Smith Esquire Justice of the Quorum etc.

S/ James Smith, QU

S/ Martha McGinney



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<sup>1</sup> Former widow: is a note on the cover pages indicates that she also applied for a pension as the widow of her other husband James McGinney.

[On August 13, 1838, John Brockinton<sup>2</sup> gave a statement saying that he was acquainted with James Crier the first husband of Mrs. Martha McGinney during the war; that he served as a volunteer in General Marion's brigade until killed in the war; that she afterwards married James McGinney who also served in the same war.

*John Brockinton* ]

[Facts in file: There is no reference made to any children of James Crier by his wife, Martha. In 1854, James A. McGinney, 53, son of the widow, Martha McGinney, a resident of mobile County, Alabama filed an affidavit in which he states his mother is dead but does not give the date of her death or any other family information.]

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<sup>2</sup> [John Brockinton \(Brockington\) S9286](#)