

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert McKay R6745

Jeanette McKay

f18NC

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State of North Carolina County of Iredell

On this 12th day of May 1852 personally appeared before me one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County, Jeanette McKay aged 81 years a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 entitled, "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of Robert McKay who was in the Revolutionary War. That he entered the service of the United States while he resided in what was then called Rowan County State of North Carolina as a North Carolina Militiaman and was gone three months -- afterwards he returned home and was again called into service for two months -- during these tours of two and three months, she does not now recollect who was his Captain or General or any of the circumstances or events that transpired at that time -- but that afterwards or about the year 1779 he entered the service as a Volunteer in the North Carolina Militia under Capt. James Purvines [sic, James Purviance] Commanded by Col. Brevard [Hugh Brevard] and General William Davidson [William Lee Davidson] -- and was gone for near three years during which time he never came home -- but was she thinks in the field or garrison service all the time. The only battle she remembers her husband the aforesaid Robert McKay having been in was the battle at Beatties Ford on the Catawba River in State aforesaid where his Commanding General William Davidson was killed in the month of February 1781 [Cowan's Ford, February 1, 1781]. That he marched mostly through North and South Carolina -- but being old and infirm she cannot now remember any more of the Particulars concerning her husband's services and she knows of no living witness or any Documentary evidence she can procure by which to prove or substantiate her Declaration. She further declares that sometime in the year 1783 the month she does not remember -- her husband the aforesaid Robert McKay returned home to what was then called Rowan County -- that after his return some years -- or on the 13th of December 1788 she was married to him by License issued from the Clerk of the County Court of Rowan by one Esquire Purvines and that her husband the aforesaid Robert McKay died on the 11th day of October 1825 and that she has remained and still is a widow. She further declares that she has reason to believe that a pension is due her on account of the services of her husband the aforesaid Robert McKay deceased and that she is directly interested in the same and to substantiate her claim relies upon the proof here with adduced by her authorized attorney and the generosity of our government.

Sworn to and subscribed on this the day and year last above mentioned Before me

S/ J. H. Scruggs, JP

S/ Jeanette McKay, X her mark

[p 3, marriage bond license dated December 13, 1788 issued in Rowan County North Carolina for the marriage of Robert McKay to Jeanette McIntosh: Robert McKay and Robert McKay being the bondsmen.]

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Robert Mackay a private Having completed his Term of Service (nine Months) in the 5th Battalion, agreeable to Act of Assembly, is hereby discharged and is entitled to all the Privileges specified in the Act of Assembly for completing the Continental Battalions of North Carolina.

Given under my Hand, this 10th day of August 1779.

S/ Ja Thackston, Lt. Col. Comdr.

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