

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McKennon (McKinnon) R6751 Elizabeth McKennon f32SC

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### State of Tennessee Maury County

On this 19th day of May 1838 personally appeared before me John B. Stephenson an acting Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Elizabeth McKennon a resident citizen of the County of Maury and State of Tennessee aged 87 years who is so old & infirm that she cannot appear in person in open Court, 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 acts of Congress of the United States: 1. That she is the widow of John McKennon who was a private in the militia company commanded by Capt. \_\_Patton [Robert Patton], and also in the company commanded by Capt. \_\_Walker [John Walker], and also in the company commanded by Capt. \_\_Neely [George Neely], and also in the company commanded by Capt. \_\_ Steele [? name is written over and impossible to decipher with certainty], and the Army commanded by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], affiant cannot state the precise date of the times of her husband's entering the service, nor the times when he left the same, but she knows his first term of service were shortly after there was a call for soldiers in the State of South Carolina, she has often heard her husband say that he was in the Battles of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780], and at Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1780], but she has no documentary evidence of the particular services of her said husband, but she knows that he was in the actual service of the US as a private soldier more than 2 whole years, that he was at the time of his first being called into service a citizen of Chester district in the State of South Carolina and continued to reside in the same place until the close of the war she further declares she was married to the said John McKennon on the \_\_day of \_\_ in the year 1775 that her said husband the aforesaid John McKennon died on the \_\_day of February in the year 1803, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed Sworn to and subscribed before made this 19th day of May in the year 1838

S/ John E. Stephenson, JP

S/ Elizabeth McKennon, X her mark

State of Tennessee Maury County: On this 21st day of May in the year 1838 personally appeared before me David Fogleman an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County of Maury Thomas Neely aged about 70 years and who is too old & infirm to appear in person in open Court, who being first duly sworn upon his oath makes the following statement, that he knows of his knowledge that John McKennon was a private soldier in the Army of the US in the militia

Companies commanded by Captains Patton, Walker, Neely and Steele and attached to the Army commanded by General Sumter, that he was in the actual service of the Revolutionary War for more than 2 whole years and was in the Battles of King's Mountain, Rocky Mount, & Stono that he was a good soldier, that he resided in Chester district in the State of South Carolina from the time of the Commencement of the Revolutionary War until the time of his death which happened on the \_\_\_ day of February in the year 1803, that Elizabeth McKennon who has assigned & made the foregoing declaration is the widow of John McKennon deceased, that they were married in Chester district South Carolina and lived together as man and wife up to the time of his death, and that she has remained a widow ever since and now resides in Maury County Tennessee.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of May in the year 1838  
S/ David Fogleman, JP

S/ Thos Neely

State of Tennessee Maury County

This day personally appeared before me William W. Coleman an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Maury John McKennon aged 48 years who after being duly sworn on his oath deposes and says that he was personally and intimately acquainted with John McKennon in his lifetime and his wife Elizabeth McKennon that said John McKennon & the said Elizabeth his wife lived together as man and wife for many years and that he is son of said John McKennon and Elizabeth his wife and was born in lawful wedlock in the year 1791 and within sends a copy of the register of his age and he therefore judging from his old age he can say with certainty that the said John & Elizabeth were married before the first of January 1794, affiant has often heard his Father in his lifetime say that he was a soldier in the war of the Revolution that he was in actual service for more than 2 years and that he resided in Chester District in South Carolina that his said Father died in said Chester District in the year 1800 that said Elizabeth his wife now resides in Maury County State of Tennessee and has resided there for the space of 21 years past and has never since intermarried with any other person since the death of said John -- that said Elizabeth is a woman of good moral character and entitled to full credit on her oath.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this first day of August 1839

S/ William W. Coleman, JP

S/ John McKennon

Copy from record

"John McKennon second son of John and Elizabeth McKennon was born on the 25th day of December 1791:"

[pp. 9-10 contains an original, handwritten endorsement from James K. Polk, as the former representative of said district in which Elizabeth McKennon resides attesting the acknowledgments attached to this application -- the attestation bears the original signature of James K. Polk before he became President of the United States.]

[Facts in file: Elizabeth McKennon was deceased by September of 1845; p 19 is a legal document whereby Daniel McKennon was appointed as administrator of her estate in Maury County, Tennessee; p 24 is an affidavit given by Daniel McKennon a resident of Maury County stating that he is 52 years old; that his mother Elizabeth McKennon, widow of John McKennon died August 12, 1845; that he is her 8th child; he names the following as the children of his

parents: William, Mary Ann, Elizabeth Farris, Catherine McFadden, Jane, John, James & himself, Daniel.]