

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander McKenzie R6754

Sarah McKenzie f19SC

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[p 4 printed form fill-in in italics]

State of *Georgia* County of *Richmond*

On this *3rd* day of *April* 1856, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Sarah MacKenzie* aged \_\_\_ years a resident of the County of *Richmond* in the State of *Georgia* who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of *Alexander McKenzie* deceased, who was a private soldier in the company commanded by Capt. \_\_\_ in the *SC* Regiment of *Continental*s commanded by Col. *Thompson* in the war of the Revolution

Her said husband entered the service at \_\_\_ on or about the \_\_\_ day of July A.D. 1775 for the term of *War* months and continued in actual service in said war for as much as 14 days, and was honorably discharged at *not known* State of *South Carolina* on \_\_\_ day of *November* A.D. 1776 and that she has not his discharge certificate. She further states that she was married to the said *Alexander McKenzie* in the County of \_\_\_ State of \_\_\_ on the *11th* day of *March* A.D. \_\_\_ the ceremony was performed by \_\_\_ a minister of the Gospel, and that her name before her said marriage was *Sarah Middleton* and that there is no private or public record of her marriage; that her said husband died at *Augusta Georgia* State of *Georgia* on the *10th* day of *July* A.D. 1853, and that she is still a widow. She has never before applied for or received land under this or any other act of Congress. She has not married since the death of her said husband.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the Act passed March 3, 1855.

She also request the Commissioner of Pensions to deliver the warrant to Thomas Lumpkin of Washington city, DC, whom the declarant hereby appoints as her attorney to receive and take charge of the same.

Her signature here.

*S/ Sarah McKenzie, X her mark*

State of *Georgia* *Richmond* County: On this, this *6th* day of *March* 1856 personally appeared before me, *Thomas Skinner* a Judge of the Inferior Court, a Court of Record, for and in the County and State aforesaid, *Sarah MacKenzie*, a resident of the County of *Richmond*, said State aged *90 odd* years, who being first duly 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 7th 1838. That she is the widow of *Alexander McKenzie* who was a *private & Sgt.* in the War of the Revolution, from *1776 to 1783*, and served under *Col. Thompson* in the State of

*South Carolina in the Continental line if her memory is correct, as a Private and Sgt., the battles he was in she does not recollect sufficiently clear to swear to, but, she refers to the records of SC for the evidence of his services, and she thinks she can prove his identity by others now living but is not sure of it.*

And further declares she was married to the said *Alex McKenzie* on the *11th* day of *March* in the year *1791*; that her husband, the aforesaid *Alexander McKenzie* died on the *10th* day of *July*, in the year *1853*, and, that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed. And she further declares that her said husband's name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State, that she is aware of and, she hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to any annuity or pension in his name, except the present. Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

*S/ Thomas Skinner, JIC*

*s/ Sarah McKenzie, X her mark*

[p 15: a statement from the South Carolina Comptroller General's office indicating that its records show that Alexander McKenzie enlisted July 24, 1776 as a private, as a Sgt. July 24, 1776 in 3rd South Carolina Regiment commanded by Col. Thompson [William Thomson] & not in service 20th of November 1776.]

[p 17: a statement from the South Carolina Comptroller General's office indicating that its records show that Alexander McKenzie enlisted in the first South Carolina Regiment as a private on November 4, 1775 and served until December 1776 in said Regiment.]