

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles McKinley R6759 Jennet (Janet) McKinley f23NC
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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1852

On this 19th day of October A.D. 1852, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County and State aforesaid David B. McKinley a resident of the County of Cabarrus in the State aforesaid, aged 48 -- years who being sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Acts of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 -- July 4th, 1836 -- and July 7th, 1838 -- and all other acts of Congress under which the heirs of Revolutionary Soldiers may be entitled --

That he is the son of Charles McKinley and who was a soldier of the Revolution and served his Country faithfully during a considerable portion of said war -- but this deponent is only able to prove by traditionary evidence, which he believes will be corroborated by the records in the war Department as well as those in the Comptroller's Office at Raleigh North Carolina. Deponent's Father in reciting the history of his services has been often heard by his family and others, to say, that he was in and served throughout the 9 months, commonly called the Snowy Campaign, that from his statements deponent believes his Father did a considerable amount of other service -- for the truth of which he relies upon the testimony herewith presented, together with the proof that may be found upon the Records in Washington City and in Raleigh NC upon the books of the Comptroller.

That Deponent's Father Charles McKinney was at the time of the Revolutionary War and afterwards until his death a resident of Rocky River Settlement then in the County of Mecklenburg now Cabarrus, North Carolina -- deponent further states that his said Father left no record of the date of his marriage, and he is unable to prove the exact month and year when said marriage did take place. But deponent herewith presents a record left by his Father of the dates of the births of his children -- from which he believes his Father and mother were married during the year 1780 or 1781. That Charles McKinley deponent's Father died in October A.D. 1807 leaving a widow Jennet McKinley deponent's mother who remained the widow of the aforesaid Charles during her life -- and that she the said Jennet McKinley died on the 1st day of January 1848 leaving surviving her the following named children viz.: Jennet C. McEachan born September 29th, 1785 -- John McKinley born December 13th, 1787 -- Margaret H. White born November 29th 1794 -- Charles C. McKinley born October 12th, 1798 -- Stephen McKinley born July 22nd, 1799 -- and deponent David Brown McKinley born February 4th 1804 -- who are the only surviving children of the aforesaid Charles and Jeanette McKinley.

And that for the purpose of examining and investigating said claim deponent

hereby appoints William F. Davidson of Charlotte NC his lawful attorney with full power to do whatever I might or could do were I personally present to establish said claim --

Sworn to and signed and acknowledged in open Court before

S/ S. B. Krimminger, Chr.

S/ David B. McKinley

David B. McKinley

[p 4 is the actual handwritten record of the births of the children of the veteran and his widow. In addition to the children named in the application it lists the following:

James McNeely McKinley born Oct. 19th, 1783

Jennet Caldwell McKinley born Sept. 29th, 1785 [later Jennet C. McEachan named above]

David McKinley born March 2nd, 1789

Margaret Huston McKinley born July 27th, 1792

Margaret Huston McKinley born Nov. 29th, 1794 [later Margaret H. White named above]

Charles Carson McKinley born Oct. 12th, 1798 [named above but without the middle name]

Stephen McKinley born July 22nd 1799

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