

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew McKnight R6773 Elizabeth McKnight f46NC
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[Note: This file contains no application for a pension. Nor does it contain any application filed by the veteran's son, John McKnight, even though there is reference to such an application in some of the correspondence in the file.]

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La Fayette 22nd March 1854

Sir

John McKnight Esquire has just handed me a letter received enclosed from you from Mr. Waldo Commissioner of Pensions, respecting some papers you had sent to the Pension Office for Esquire McKnight. The Commissioner has entirely mistaken the character of the papers, He supposes the application is made on behalf of Elizabeth McKnight widow of Andrew McKnight & A. W. Nixon whose name is on the papers as agent; When the facts are Andrew McKnight was a Soldier of the revolution & entitled to a Pension under the Act of 2nd of March 1818. That he died about the 25th of March 1825, his widow Elizabeth McKnight who lived a widow up to her death died about March 1838.

Neither Andrew McKnight nor his wife ever applied for any pension & no papers have ever been filed in that office for that purpose except those you have filed. This application is made by John McKnight as the legal heir of Andrew McKnight deceased, Andrew & Elizabeth McKnight both died in Laurens District in the State of South Carolina. John McKnight (the applicant) lives in Chambers County Alabama. A. W. Nixon is not an agent but a witness who proves the death of Andrew & Elizabeth McKnight and also the heirship of this applicant all of which you will see by an examination of said papers.

You will please examine the papers & I doubt not but you will find them as I have stated them above.

I suppose there can be no other application necessary than the one he has made. If you find upon application anything further, it is necessary for Esquire McKnight to do find all the papers you have already filed properly attested and proved.

Yours respectfully

Hon.

J. H. Dowell

S/ E. G. Richards for Richards & Falkins

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South Carolina Laurens District

Personally came before me the subscribing Justice Mary Nesbit who said upon oath that she was personally acquainted with Andrew McKnight son of James McKnight of Caswell County North Carolina, during the Revolution War and that he the said Andrew McKnight enlisted and served two or three tours in the North Carolina line, and that some of the Reverend Jonathan Deweese Brothers was with him some part of the time, and that she was acquainted with him until his death which took place in 1825 in Laurens district South Carolina and at the time of this deposition She saw in the hands of Elizabeth McKnight his lawful wife a certified Copy of his last Will & Testament with Letters of administration with the Will annexed signed by David Anderson Ordinary of Laurens District and further that she never knew nor heard of any other man by that name in the Revolution War. Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 8th day of August 1835

S/ Alfred Perrett, J. Q.

S/ Mary Nesbit, X her mark

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June 18, 1907

Mrs. William Percy

29 Spruce St.

Atlanta, Ga.

Madam:

In reply to your letter without date, received on the 31st ultimo, you are advised that in the papers on file in this Bureau (R#6773) it is alleged that one Andrew McKnight of Caswell County, North Carolina (son of James McKnight), served 2 or 3 tours in the North Carolina troops during the War of the Revolution -- no dates or names of officers stated -- that he died March 24, 1825, in Laurens District, South Carolina, where his widow, Elizabeth, died April 18, 1838.

Their son, John McKnight, was a resident of Chambers County, Alabama, in 1853.

No pension was allowed, for the reason that no proper declaration or claim whatever file, and no proof of soldiers service, marriage and death was ever furnished, as required.

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Very respectfully,
Commissioner"