

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Barten McPherson R6810 Elizabeth McPherson f15VA
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State of Tennessee McMinn County: On this 3 day of August 1844 Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace Mrs. Elizabeth McPherson a resident of said McMinn County Tennessee aged seventy-five 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 granting half pay and pensions to certain widows and in order to obtain the benefit of the act of March the 3rd 1843 granting one year's pay and pensions to certain widows that she is the widow of Barten McPherson who was a soldier in the Virginia Militia in the War of the Revolution that her husband the aforesaid Barten McPherson entered the service in November 1780 under Captain Henley in the County of Botetourt the State of Virginia and served six months in the war of the Revolution for particulars she refers the Department to the testimony hereunto annexed the rest of his officers she at this time cannot recollect. She further declares that she was married to the said Barten McPherson on the 5th day of May 1788 and that her husband the aforesaid Barten McPherson departed this life the 5th day of March 1836 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated and that she is still a widow.

S/ Elizabeth McPherson [sic], X her mark

[p 9: On July 6, 1841 in Roane County Tennessee, Daniel McPherson, 88, gave testimony that he is well acquainted with Mrs. Elizabeth McPherson, the widow of Barten McPherson; that Barten McPherson enlisted in the war of the revolution under Captain Henley in Botetourt County Virginia for a term of 6 months then called the boat court Volunteers; that affiant saw Barten McPherson have a full discharge for 6 months service. The relationship, if any, of this affiant to the veteran is not stated.]

[p 12: Maxmililion McProcter [Maximilian Proctor or McProctor], 87, gave testimony on August 3, 1844 in McMinn County that he was present at the marriage of Barten and Elizabeth McPherson on May 5, 1788 in Botetourt County; that he saw the said Barten McPherson on his line of march under Captain Henley in South Carolina in 1781. He signed his affidavit with his mark. In the body of his affidavit he is identified as "Proctor" but his signature is written as "McProctor"]

[Note: Barten McPherson along with Maximilian Proctor gave a supporting affidavit in Roane County Tennessee in 1824 in support of the pension application of [Uriah Rector W7135.](#)]