

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John McConahay (McConahey) S16953 VA
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State of Virginia Bedford County S.S.

On the 27th day of October 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Bedford now sitting John McConihey a resident of the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia aged Seventy one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. That he volunteered under Cap Daniel Figgins [sic: Daniel Feagan] in the County of Loudoun in the State of Virginia about the first of October 1780 for a tour of three months in the militia to go to North Carolina; that he marched from Loudoun county to Richmond where the company was detained about a week he was then marched to Chesterfield courthouse, where he was informed that he was not to be marched to North Carolina, but was marched to Petersburg and from thence to Mackeys mill and from thence to sleepy hole ferry on the Nansemond River, where he was marched backwards and forwards watching the brittish, who was said to be on the River until his tour expired, and he was discharged, that he served under Major Thomas Hardeman [Thomas Hardiman]; the col's name he cannot now recollect, that he has no written evidence of ever having served this tour, and knows of but one living witness that he can prove it by, which is Jacob Shepherd [pension application W2008], who marched in another company from the same County at the same time commanded Capt. Adam Vincent [Adam Vincell] and to whose affidavit he refers. the next Tour was for two months as a substitute for John Oldacres, that he commenced his march he thinks in the month of July 17th under Cap. Thomas Canning from the County of Louden in Virginia, and was marched to Pamunky river [sic: Pamunkey River] to New castle [present Old Church] where he joined the army commanded by Colo. Merriweather [sic: Meriwether] and Major Hardeman who was attached to Gen'l. [Edward] Stevens brigade, that he was marched from thence to Ruffins ferry in King & Queen County [sic: on Pamunkey River near Sweet Hall in King William Co] in which neighbourhood he continued until his term of service expired. That he never went home after the expiration of this tour, his own Tour of two months had then come on. He was put in charge of Cap. Daniel Johns waggon and team & went with it to a place called the new magazine near Williamsburg and continued halling about Williamsburg and York until after the siege at York, that he assisted in halling the French Baggage from Springfield to York and also assisted in halling the american baggage, that he was at york during the whole siege [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and assisted in halling the ammuniton in the night. that he could not lie down in the day time as the teams would have been shot, that after the capitulation at York he was loaded with the Brittish baggage and carried it to Nowlin's [Noland's] ferry on the Potomac River, where he delivered it and was dismissed. that he has no written evidence of the service of either of these touers, but can prove them by James Davis of Amherst County in the State of Virginia who served the tour, that he knows of no other living witness that he can prove it by, having moved from the county of Louden (the place where he resided when called into service) about Thirty two years ago a distance of about Two hundred and twenty miles. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court. John McConnely

The following is his answer to the several interogatories propounded to him by the court Viz.

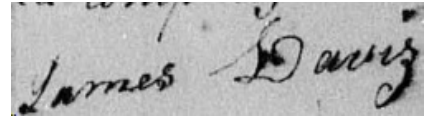
1st I was born in Bucks County in the State of Pensylvania on the 15th day of April 1762.

2nd I have a register of my age now in my possession as kept by my parents.

3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th answered in the above declaration.

7th I refer to William Leftwich a clergyman & to Pleasant Preston who reside in my neighbourhood and who are acquainted with me as to their belief of my service and my respectability. John McConnely

State of Virginia } I James Davis of Amherst County Virginia aged sixty nine years and five months
Amherst County } a soldier of the Revolution do hereby certify that John McConnahey late of
Loudon County But now of Bedford served a tour of about two months in the service of the United States
in the Revolution under the Command of Capt Thomas Cannon that I was discharged at the end of said
time and the said McConnahey still continued in the service of the United States but how long afterwards
I now do not recollect I believe the Tour commenced sometime in July and ended sometime in October
1781 That this affiant served the said tour with said McConnahey in the said company
[22 Aug 1834]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Davis". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

NOTES:

A declaration similar to the one above was filed by "Thomas McConahey" on 28 Jan 1833.

The file contains a letter by Mrs. E. C. Anderson, 82, of Charleston WV dated 25 Sep 1929 stating that she was the daughter of John McConihay, a soldier of the War of 1812 and son of the Revolutionary soldier of the same name.