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Pension application of Francis McKaimy S1853

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Pension Application of Francis McKaimy, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 1688, Application #S1853

State of Tennessee, Bedford County

On this 13th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832—Personally Appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Samuel Phillips, John B. Armstrong and John L. Neill, Esquires Gentlemen Justices of the peace appointed to hold the court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Bedford in the the State aforesaid; now Sitting, FRANCIS MCKAIMY, a resident of Bedford County, Tennessee, aged 74 years:

“That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted soldier in the **County of Guilford** and state of North Carolina on the first of January in the year 1780, and was placed in a company commanded by Captain **BRASHEAR** [Asa Brashears] and rendezvoused at **Guilford Courthouse**, where he says he was taken from the ranks of said company by order of Colonel **JOHN PAISLEY**, the commanding colonel, and ordered to take charge of a public wagon and team as a driver of the same and said wagon was used in conveying public arms and powder and lead from **Halifax Courthouse** in Virginia to **Salisbury** in the state of North Carolina, and to **Guilford** in the last mentioned states, and to various other places until his term of three months expired, when he says he was dismissed by Major **RUTHERFORD** and returned home; Deponent further states that he was drafted again in the same county (**Guilford**) between the 15th and 20th of January 1781, and was placed in Captain **BARNETT's** [Thomas Barnett's] company and was again taken from the ranks by order of the commanding officers to take charge of another public wagon as a driver in company with about twenty-two others, and went to **Newbern** [sic, New Bern] in said state of North Carolina for salt for General **GREENE's** army. He states that before they returned, about fifteen miles below **Hillsborough**, he received information that the British were then in **Hillsborough**, and he says they were conveyed from there under the command of Colonel **GILLESPIE** [John Gillespie] across **Roanoke River** at **Taylor's Ferry** into the state of Virginia, where he says they remained until after the **Battle of Guilford** [March 15, 1781], when they returned home and was discharged after delivering up the wagons to the public officers, for a tour of three months service, although he says he was very little more than two months in actual service. Deponent further states that while he was in this last mentioned tour of duty, his brother, **JAMES MCKAIMY** was killed by the Tories and some of **TARLETON's** [Banastre Tarleton's] men, and that he then

volunteered immediately under Captain **BRASHEAR**'s company under the command of Colonel **PAISLEY** and was marched to **Deep River** in Randolph County in the state of North Carolina in pursuit of a man by the name of **FANNING [David Fanning]**, a Tory Colonel, and from there he says he was marched into Chatham County, where Colonel **PAISLEY** and Colonel **O'NEAL** joined other armies together and encamped at **Ramsey's Mill on Deep River** for some time, and while the troops remained there, he says he was in an engagement or skirmish with the Tories, in which three Tories were killed and an American. And from there he was marched to some **old barracks in Chatham County** and remained there some time. He says he was dismissed 'til further orders after serving six weeks. He states that after that he was called on again by the same captain **[BRASHEAR]** and Colonel **[PAISLEY]** and joined them at **Guilford Courthouse**, in about ten days after he was dismissed in Chatham, and was marched in search of Tory Captain by the name of **PYLES [sic, Dr. and Col. John Pyle]**. He was called Doctor **PYLES**, who it was said had collected a band of Tories near the **county line between Chatham and Cumberland Counties**, and after serving on this expedition four weeks, he was dismissed again until further orders. He further says that he was called on again by the same captain **[BRASHEAR]** and Colonel **[PAISLEY]** and was marched in search of another Tory captain by the name of **FIELDS**, but before the American troops reached the place where **FIELDS** and his men were, they had all fled off, and he says he was marched back home and then dismissed. He thinks he served two weeks on this expedition, making in the whole, a term of actual service of eight month, **and that he has no documentary evidence whatever and that** he knows of no person, except what he can prove by **MATHEW CUNNINGHAM**'s affidavit which accompanies this, his declaration, whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his service; **and also that he hereby relinquishes all and every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in the United States.**

Interrogatories by the Court.

Int. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born 15 August 1758 in Orange County and State of North Carolina agreeable to the information received from my Parents.

Int. 2nd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in Guilford County North Carolina all the time I was in Service and after the close of the Revolution until the year 1811 when removed to Bedford County Tennessee where I have lived ever since and where I'm now live

Int. 3rd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have not, but from the information of my parents I am the age stated in the foregoing Declaration

Int. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted in Guilford County North Carolina the 2 first tours I served and then I was a volunteer until I was finally dismissed.

Int. 5th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received a discharge in writing, but verbally dismissed for all my Service.

Int. 6th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you

served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I knew Major Rutherford at Guilford and Major John Campbell, but do not recollect the names or numbers of any Regiment either Continental or Militia in my declaration this day subscribed and sworn to contains a history of my Services in the Revolution as near as my memory at this advanced age will permit.

Int. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. Col. James McKisick and William Norvill Esquire
Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.
S/ Jas McKisick, Clk

S/ Francis McKaimy

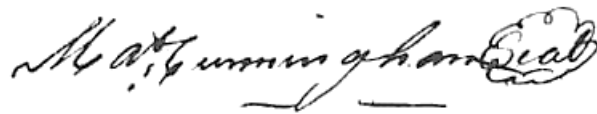


[James McKisick and William Norvill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

“This day, **MATHEW CUNNINGHAM, Sr**¹. A resident of said County aged 72 years 6 July last, who is now confined and has been for better than 4 years with the Rheumatism, personally appeared before me Jordan C. Holt, an acting justice of the peace for said County who after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he entered the service of the United States some time in the month of October, but does not recollect the date of the year, but believes in the year 1781, in the **County of Guilford** and state of North Carolina as a volunteer in Captain **GEORGE PERSON**'s [George Pearce's] company, and was marched into Randolph and Chatham Counties in North Carolina against the Tories under the command of a Tory by the name of **FANNING**, when and where he knew **FRANCIS MCKAIMY**, a volunteer soldier in Captain BRASHEAR's company of volunteers, and that he, said **MCKAIMY**, served as such...during the term that he served, but how long he served afterward he does not know...”

Sworn to and subscribed the 2nd day of November 1833 before me
S/ Jordan C. Holt, JP

S/ Mat. Cunningham {Seal}



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 24 days in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ This MAY be the same man whose widow applied for a pension while living in Bedford County, Tennessee: see, [Matthew Cunningham R2582](#). The widow does not claim that her husband was in the campaign against Fanning. No one else by the name of Matthew Cunningham was awarded a federal pension for services in the Revolution.