

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas McKinney S36088

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Jefferson County and Circuit: SS

On this eighteenth day of July 1818 before me the subscriber a Circuit Judge in and for the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial district of the State of Kentucky & the judge of the Jefferson Circuit Court in said district personally appeared Thomas McKinney aged 58 years resident in said County of Jefferson who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Thomas McKinney enlisted in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain \_\_ Pope of the first Virginia Regiment of the State troops in March 1777; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, for twelve months, when he was discharged from service in Williamsburg State of Virginia; that he enlisted again in the fall of the year 1780 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Overton in the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps for thirteen months, when he enlisted into the light dragoons service, by permission of his Colonel, in a company commanded by Captain James Crump in Colonel \_\_ Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] Regiment of light dragoons, that he continued to serve in the said Corps, until the said troop was disbanded in 1780 to near Eutaw Springs in the State of South Carolina, that he was in the battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781], and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services – Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Alfred Metcalf

Commonwealth of Kentucky Sct: Franklin Circuit

This day appeared before me the Presiding sole Judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Kentucky comprehend being the Franklin circuit Matthew Cummings<sup>1</sup> of the County of Franklin & State aforesaid and made oath that he knew the said Thomas McKinney in Captain Overton's Company in the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War that he knew that the said McKinney served as a soldier in said Company and that his whole time of service in said Regiment was at least nineteen months.

And I further certify from the evidence aforesaid and the oath of the said McKinney to his first Declaration here with annexed which I again administered to him that I am satisfied that he served for 9 months at least in the revolutionary war on Continental establishment against the common enemy in continued service & I now transmit this addition to his former evidence to the

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<sup>1</sup> Also spelled Matthew Cummins FPA S35870

Department of War.

Given under my hand & seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819  
S/ Saml McKee, JP

Schedule

District of Kentucky, SS  
Jefferson Circuit

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1823, personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district and circuit of Jefferson County, Thomas McKinney aged 62 years, resident in Jefferson County in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: That he served in the Revolutionary War as is stated in his Original declaration bearing date of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1818 & by Judge Alfred Metcalf and prayed to be made a part of this declaration.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

3 head of horses worth	\$60.00
7 head of Cattle worth	21.00
12 head of sheep worth	15.00
14 head of hogs	<u>12.00</u>
he has \$6 to him due, and	\$108.00
he owes \$29	

S/ Thomas McKinney, X his mark

, that he is a Farmer by profession, he has a Wife who is 46 years old and troubled with a pain in her breast and is very feeble he has four children<sup>2</sup> living with him (to wit) William 16 years of age, Lucinda 13 years of age, Sarah Ann 7 years old – William is unhealthy and the rest not able to support themselves – that this Affiant is troubled with Rheumatic pains and has a Rupture in his growing. That the evidence of Matthew Cummings and John Smith is all that he can procure to prove his service – and that it is out of his power to procure the testimony of Captain Overton and that he does not live near Nashville in Tennessee as was supposed.

Sworn to, and declared, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1823 before

S/ Jno. D. Oldham, Circuit Judge

State of Indiana Jefferson County: SS: Before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1822 Personally appeared John Smith who being sworn deposeth & saith that he was well acquainted with Thomas McKinney (now a resident of Jefferson County Kentucky) during the revolutionary war that the said Thomas McKinney was enlisted in Captain Overton's Company in the first Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment as this deponent believes in the year 1780 – That after continuing in the said Company a short time Captain Overton being promoted the said McKinney was continued in the

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<sup>2</sup> He only names 3 children

service under the command of Captain James Marks and that after continuing about 2 months under the command of Captain Marks the said McKinney was transferred to the Company of Captain Samuel Jones who was attached to Colonel Green's picked Regiment who went to South Carolina and that the said McKinney continued in the service under the command of Captain Jones until after the battle at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] after which the said McKinney was sick and sent to the hospital where he recovered and enlisted by permission of the officers into the Company of horse commanded by Captain James Crump whence he continued until the close of the war and further this deponent saith not.

S/ John Smith

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

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 15, 1823, for service as a private for 4 years in the Virginia Continental line.]


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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] in Jacob Dooley's file, the following affidavit appears:

Kentucky Jefferson County Sct.

Thomas McKinney Appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he enlisted in Virginia in the year 1778 or 80 for the War in Captain Overton's Company of the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Haws [Samuel Hawes] and Colonel Green – and he was then transferred to Captain Marks Company in said Regiment and continued in service until the close of the war in the year 1782 at which time he was honorably discharged by Captain Crump and that through the course of the time he has lost his discharge and has never received his land bounty for said service.

S/ Thos. McKinney

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me and I certify that the deponent Thomas McKinney is a credible witness on oath given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> June 1822

S/ Thos. T. Barbour, JPJC

Kentucky Fayette County

Elisha Eastis made oath before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he was acquainted with the above named Thomas McKinney & knows  
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the league War in the year 1778 in the first Virginia Regiment and he knows that said McKinney served out his time and was discharged about the year 1782 at the close of the War and that this is the same person who served as above.

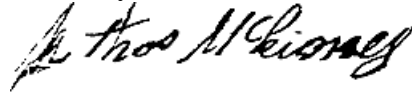
S/ Elisha Eastis, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> of August 1822

S/ James Hull, JP

I Thomas McKinney to appoint Thomas Miller of Richmond Virginia by Agent and Attorney in fact to receive my Land Warrant and receipt for the same in my name and I ratify the same. Given under my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1822.

S/ thos Mckimey [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos McKinney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ thos Mckimey [sic]".

[Note: It is not clear to me from the papers in this file why the papers relating to the bounty land claim of Thomas McKinney were included in it.]