

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McChristy (McCristy) S36094

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's state of Kentucky Estill County Sct.

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1822 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for the said State, and Circuit of Estill James McCristy age 62 years resident in Estill County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as followeth: – he enlisted for 18 months in the year 1780 near the Monongahela 40 miles above Pittsburgh in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Uriah Springer in Colonel John Gibson's Regiment in the Virginia line on Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps principally Stationed at Pittsburgh until the month of October 1781, when he was home two Campaigns against the Indians from Pittsburgh and was in two small engagements against the Indians during said term of service; That he continued to serve out the time for which he enlisted as aforesaid and was discharged from said Service at the expiration of said 18 months at Pittsburgh but has lost or mislaid said discharge, so that he cannot now produce it to corroborate the above statement, That he has no other evidence of his services than the affidavits hereto attached.

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

Schedule

About 10 head of hogs \$15

I have no debts due to me and oh about \$15.

S/ James McCristy, X his mark

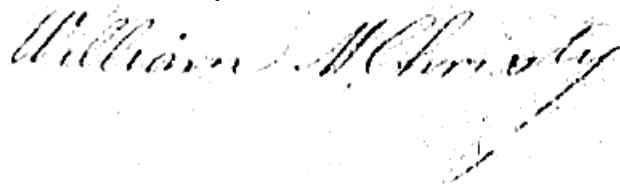
I am a farmer by occupation but cultivate rented land, my family consist of 7 children (my wife being dead) – Polly aged 26 years, John 24 years, William aged 22 years – Sallie about 18 years, Jesse about 15 years, Isaac 12 years and James about 7 years. That all of said children except James are able to support themselves by their own labor, he states that he is very infirm and not able to support himself without the assistance of his country, that none of his said children now live with him except Sallie, Jesse, Isaac and James. Sworn to and declared before me the day above –

S/ Jas. [could be Jos.] Clark  
Circuit Judge

The State of Ohio Warren County: SS

Before me the undersigned Justice of the peace within and for the County aforesaid personally came William McChristy of Preble County in the State aforesaid who being of lawful age and sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is the brother of James McChristy of Estill County Kentucky and some time before the close of the War of the American Revolution this deponent and the said James lived with their father on territory that was then in dispute between the States of Pennsylvania and Virginia and which afterwards made part of Westmoreland or Fayette County Pennsylvania. The said James was probably about the age of twenty-one years and this deponent then understood from said James and others that he the said James had enlisted in the Continental Army for the term of 18 months and this deponent recollects very well that the said James McChristy left his father's house and started to join the Army at Fort Pitt, now Pittsburgh and that he was absent long enough to have served said tour of 18 months except only that he came home to his father's twice during said term One time on furlough and the other time with two other Soldiers who were said to be sergeants in pursuit of deserters. This deponent cannot state the time that said James returned home after his service expired, but he knows that he was gone full 18 months and he thinks more than 18 months and further this deponent saith not.

William McChristy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William McChristy". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

Also at the same time and place Charles McChristy of Warren County and State of Ohio of lawful age being Sworn, Saith that he is the brother of James McChristy of Estill County Kentucky and some time before the close of the War of the American Revolution this deponent in the said James lived with their father on territory that was then in dispute between the States of Pennsylvania and Virginia and which afterwards made part of Westmoreland or Fayette County Pennsylvania. The said James was probably about the age of twenty or twenty-one years and this deponent then understood from said James and others that he the said James had enlisted in the Continental Army for the term of eighteen months and this deponent recollects very well that said James McChristy left his father's house and started to join the Army at Fort Pitt, now Pittsburgh, and that he was absent long enough to have served said tour of eighteen months except only that he came home to his father's twice during said term, one time on furlough and the other time with two other soldiers who were said to be sergeants in pursuit of deserters. This deponent cannot state the time that said James returned home after his service expired, but he knows that he was gone full 18 months and he thinks more than 18 months and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Charles McCristy, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 29, 1827 for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]