

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dennis (Denis) McKinney S36110

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State of Kentucky Sct.

Be it remembered that on the 23rd day of September in the year 1818 Personally appeared before me Thomas Montgomery one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the State aforesaid Dennis McKinney who being duly sworn stated that he is now about sixty years old; that in the year 1777 or 1778 he Enlisted as a regular soldier in the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution against Great Britain for the Term of three years; That he enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Bell. That the Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Colonel Grayson [William Grayson], and the Brigade was commanded by General Charles Scott: that he served out the said three years faithfully & was Discharged at Chesterfield Courthouse, Virginia: that he enlisted in Staunton in Virginia and while in the service as above stated was in the Battle at Camden [probably the Battle of Hobkirk Hill or the Second Battle of Camden, April 25, 1781], the siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781] which they were compelled to raise and the Battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] he stated further that he is now reduced in his circumstances is really poor and needs the aid proposed by the act of Congress Passed in March in the present year respecting persons to certain officers and Soldiers engaged in the land and naval Services of the United States during the Revolutionary war aforesaid, and also stated his desires to have the benefit thereof. In addition to the foregoing statements of the said Dennis McKinney made upon his oath before me, I do certify to the Honorable Secretary of War my very confident belief that his statements are substantially true: I believe them true in respect to his enlistment and services because I have been long acquainted with him and have often heard him speak of his services, and because he has sustained throughout my acquaintance and honest character: I know them to be true in respect to the reduction of his circumstances and present poverty. In testimony of the Correctness of all of the foregoing statements &c I do as one of the Judges of the circuit Court of the state aforesaid hereunto set my hand the Day and year first mentioned.

S/ Thomas Montgomery

State of Kentucky Sct.

On this day Dennis McKinney personally appeared before me & being sworn stated in addition to his statements made on the 23rd day of September A.D. 1818, contained on this sheet, that to the best of his knowledge he belonged to the Virginia line upon Continental establishment. Given under my hand as one of the judges of the circuit courts of the state aforesaid and presiding judge of the Lincoln circuit court, this 25th day of August A.D. 1819

S/ Thomas Montgomery

State of Kentucky 12th Judicial District and Circuit Court for Lincoln County Sct.

On this 15th day of August A.D. 1820 in Open Court before the Court above mentioned it being a Court of Record by act of Assembly proceeding according to the course of common law Dennis McKinney aged sixty-two years & over it personally appeared in Court and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows viz.: that in the year 1777 or 1778 he enlisted as a soldier in the service of the United States for the term of 3 years; which term he completely served out: that his enlistment was in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Bell, the Regiment commanded by Colonel Grayson; and the Brigade by General Charles Scott and that his said Regiment was part of the Virginia line upon the Continental establishment as will more fully appear by the affidavit under which he obtained his certificate for a pension No. 16.646 dated the 4th day of April 1820. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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, viz.:

An imperfect set of Shoemaker tools worth about \$5	\$5.00
about \$9 Debts due	<u>9.00</u>
	\$14.00

Sworn to, declared and subscribed on the day and year first mentioned

S/ Denis McKinney

And the said Dennis McKinney further upon his oath declared, that he is a Shoemaker by trade, but that he is able to perform but little labor at his trade, owing to a defect in the sight of his eyes, being entirely blind of one eye in the other defective. He also stated that he never was married, and that he has no relatives upon whom he can rely. Sworn to, declared and subscribed in open court before me John L Bridges presiding Judge of the court aforesaid on the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John L Bridges

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing September 23, 1818 for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]