

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin McKnight S38186

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Virginia Frederick County SS

On this 13th day of November 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court for the said State personally appeared Benjamin McKnight aged sixty-two years resident in Shenandoah County State aforesaid 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 & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War; that he the said Benjamin McKnight enlisted in Shepherdstown the 4th day of August 1776 in the State aforesaid in the Company commanded by Captain Abraham Shepherd 7th Virginia Regiment; that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until the year 1779 when he was discharged from service by General Woodford at Smith's Close State of New York, that he was in the Battles of Trenton [December 26, 1776], Princeton [January 3, 1777], Saratoga [October 7, 1777] and at Yorktown [October 19, 1781] Virginia and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the Assistance of his Country & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the enclosed –

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year first aforesaid.

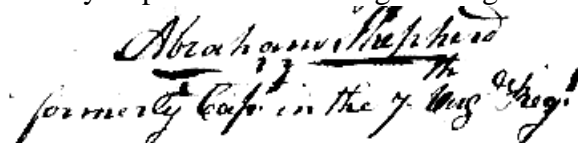
S/ H. Holmes

I do hereby Certify that on the 4th day of August 1776 I enlisted Benjamin McKnight to serve as a Soldier for 3 years in the Revolutionary Army that he faithfully served said term and was honorably discharged, that he served under Colonel Daniel Morgan at the Surrender of General Burgoyne, at Trent Town under General Mercer, at Prince Town & was at the Surrender of Cornwallis at York in Virginia. That he is 62 years of age has no visible property and is incapable of supporting himself by labor.

Given under my hand this 29th day of September 1818

S/ Abraham Shepherd¹

formerly Captain in the 7th Virginia Regiment



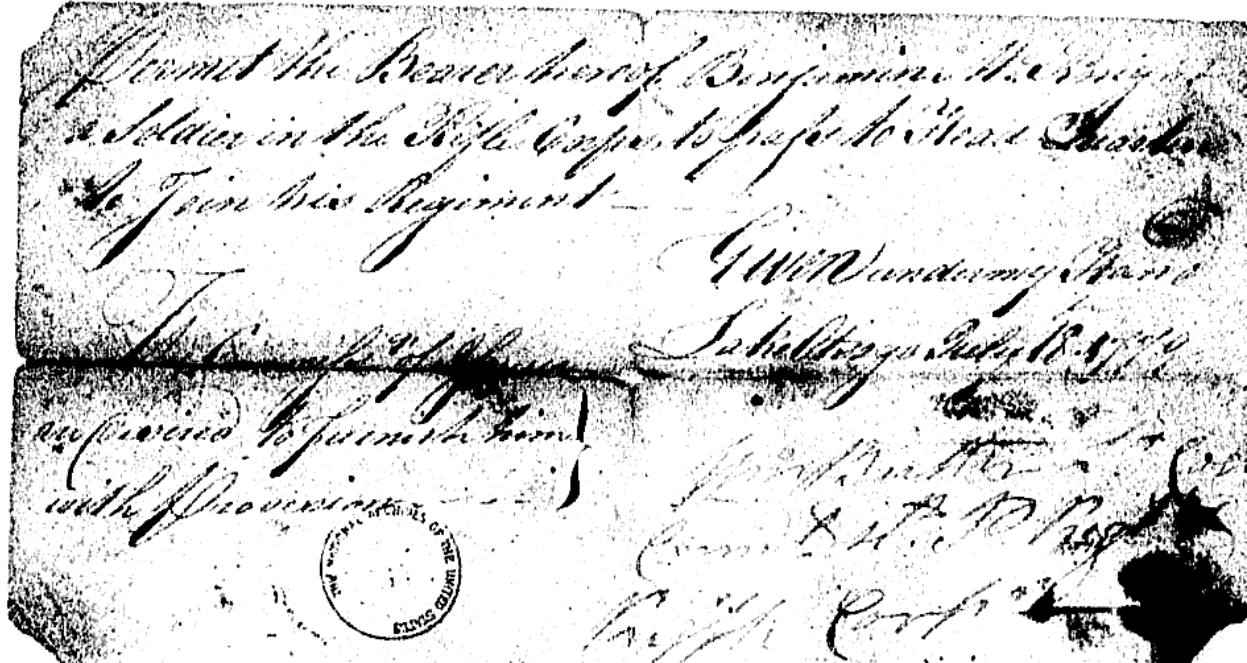
Abraham Shepherd
formerly Capt in the 7th Virginia Regt

Permit the Bearer here of Benjamin McKnight a Soldier in the Rifle Corps to pass to Head

¹ [Abraham Shepherd W19343](#)

Quarters to join his Regiment
Given under my hand
Lake Otsego July 18 1779
S/ Wm Bulter [William Bulter], Lt. Colo.
Comdt 8th P Regt
Rifle Corps

The Commissaries to Issues
are ordered to furnish him
with Provisions



District of Virginia Fauquier County Sct.

On this 30th day of August [1820] personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Fauquier in said district Benjamin McKnight aged 64 years resident in said 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: to wit that he the said Benjamin McKnight enlisted in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in August 1776 for the term of 3 years under Captain Abraham Sheppard [Abraham Shepherd] who was under the command of Colonel Rollins in the Brigade of General Mercer that after the capture of Fort Washington he was attached to the Rifle Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan that after the promotion of Colonel D. Morgan to General – he served under Colonel William Butler in the company of Captain Gabriel Long during said service he was at the Capture of the Hessians at Trenton at the Battle of Princeton – at the capture of General Burgoyne – and under the command of Colonel Butler was at the burning of two Indian towns: on the Susquehanna and Oneida Lake that after the expiration of said three years he served in the militia and was at the capture of Lord Cornwallis – that his former declaration was made before judge Holmes he thinks in November 1818 and the number marked on his pension certificate {7380}

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,

Schedule – Real estate none – personal estate due me on open account from a deceased brother's estate about eighty dollars and sixty cents.

S/ Benjamin McKnight, O his mark

That he the said Benjamin has no family and latterly has resided at the house of the before mentioned brother that his occupation is a laboring agriculturalist which he performs in much pain at times in consequence of a broken Leally [?] (Necessity requiring the Labor)

S/ Benjamin McKnight, O his Mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 13, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]