

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel McCoy S38196

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At a Court held for Isle of Wight County the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1818 – The declaration of Samuel McCoy was this day presented in court, which is in the following words, to wit –  
State of Virginia & County of Isle of Wight SS

I Samuel McCoy a Citizen of the County & State aforesaid, do declare under oath, that I entered the service of the United States in the land service and Army thereof on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 17\_\_ in the County and State above mentioned in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, Virginia State line, in the company commanded by Captain Arthur Smith the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Robert Lawson. That I entered as a private and continued in the land service of the United States in the revolutionary War for two years at which period I was discharged at the Valley Forge – viz. on the \_\_ day of \_\_ A.D. 17\_\_. I further declare under oath that I have lost my discharge. I here refer to and pray that they may be taken as part of this declaration the affidavits of Joseph Parnell<sup>1</sup> and Thomas Bowden to prove my service as a private for the term or period of two years in the land service of the United States in the revolutionary war. I further declare that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I am in need of assistance from my country for support. I further declare under oath that no pension has heretofore been obtained by the laws of the United States.

S/ Samuel McCoy

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Samuel McCoy". The ink is dark and the paper shows some texture and slight discoloration.

The affidavit of Thomas Bowden<sup>2</sup> of Isle of Wight County sworn in court to give evidence relative to Samuel McCoy's entering the service of the United States of America in the revolutionary war – States that he the affiant entered into the service of the United States of America on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1776 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the company commanded by Captain Arthur Smith and served therein until the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1778 when he was discharged. That the said Samuel McCoy entered the service of the United States as a private in the said service in the revolutionary war in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the above mentioned company about the same time that this affiant entered the service and continued till the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1778 when he was honorably discharged and further this deponent saith not –

Whereupon the foregoing declaration being sworn to and the court being satisfied from the

<sup>1</sup> [Joseph Parnell S38283](#). See also the papers in [Thomas Bowden VAS134](#) for certification that "Joseph Parnel" served in the 4<sup>th</sup> VA Regt.

<sup>2</sup> [Thomas Bowden VAS134](#)

affidavit of Thomas Bowden together with the declaration upon oath that the said Samuel McCoy did serve in the United States Army and land service in the revolutionary war – and that he is in such reduced circumstances as to stand in need of assistance of his country it is ordered that the same be certified to the Secretary of the war Department.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name and caused the seal of my County to be affixed the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1818

S/ Nathaniel Young

District of Virginia Isle of Wight County to wit:

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July in the year 1821 personally appeared in open Court at the July Term of said County of Isle of Wight, it being a Court of record by legislative enactment, Samuel McCoy page sixty-six years resident in the aforesaid County of Isle of Wight in the State of Virginia aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war, that he entered as a private in the service of the United States in the land service and Army thereof on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1777 in the County and State above mentioned, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, Virginia State line, in the company commanded by Captain Arthur Smith, the said Regiment being commanded by Colonel Robert Lawson. That he made his original Declaration the \_\_\_ day of July in the year 1818 and the number of his pension certificate is 12591 and moreover I the said Samuel McCoy 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

One bed and some furniture for it, one chest, half dozen chairs, one pocket knife, two old razors, one old watch, that I have no debts due to me – This declarant is at this time occupied in coopering old barrels and such little jobs of work as he has strength to do, in the coopering line, that he resides with his son in law Cartwright Price, that his eyesight is failing him very much, and that he cannot hope much longer to be able to follow his present employment, and that he has two children yet young and in distress.

S/ Samuel McCoy, X his mark

The Court is of opinion that the articles mentioned in the foregoing Schedule is of the value of \$20.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 6, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do certify that Samuel McCoy served as a Soldier in the armies of the United States for 3 years and upwards commencing with one of the first Winchester Companies that went to the Great

Bridge under my command as Captain in 1775 and after in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment with Company of Stephen [indecipherable name]. Given under my hand in Isle of Wight [illegible date]

S/ J. Parker  
late Colo. 5<sup>th</sup> V. Regt.

Witness  
Thom Norvill

I certify that I gave a Certificate to Samuel McCoy that he served in the Army of the US 3 years, and that I left the said certificate with a Mr. Norvel in Richmond who of served as I had no power from the said McCoy that his land warrant as a soldier would not be delivered, that the said McCoy has informed me that he called on Mr. Norvel who informed him I had not left the certificate with him – this may therefore be considered as a duplicate of the first certificate. Mr. Norvel must have mislaid the other having paid him 25 Cents for the inquiry. Given under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1809

S/ J. Parker  
late Colo. 5<sup>th</sup> V. Regt.