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Pension Application of Michael McKnight S38200

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At a Court held for Hardy County in the State of Virginia the 10th day of October 1820
Present William Heath John Craigon Jones Green Joseph Williams Henry Smith and Jonathan Branson
Gentlemen Justices

Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County by virtue of the Acts of Assembly of said State in such case made & provided, Michael McKnight in his 71st year of age who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & the 1st May 1820. That he the said Michael McKnight enlisted for the Term of three years on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year [blank] in the State of Virginia in the Company [raised in Hampshire County 12 Mar 1776] Commanded by Captain Abel Westfall in the regiment Commanded by Colonel Mulenberg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] in the Line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve seven years in said regiment & other regiments until [blank] when he was discharged from the said service in Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in the State of Virginia, that his first enlistment was for three years which he served out in said eighth regiment, that he was immediately reenlisted in said regiment – that he was in the battles of the white plains [28 Oct 1776], Monmouth [28 June 1778] Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] at the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], the battles of Camden [possibly on 16 Aug 1780 but more likely the Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC on 25 Apr 1781], Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], the hanging rock [see endnote], of Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 June 1781] & of Savannah [unknown; possibly occupation of Savannah after British evacuation on 11 July 1782] & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services – And he doth further swear in manner aforesaid that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed.

The Schedule of the Estate of Michael McKnight

real Estate none

personal Estate none

October 10th 1820

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The declarant further saith that he is a farmer by occupation but is unable by reason of his great age to pursue it & that he has no family whatever.

NOTE: Three engagements are commonly referenced to Hanging Rock SC: battle of Waxhaws, 29 May 1780; skirmish at Hanging Rock, 30 July 1780; battle of Hanging Rock, 6 Aug 1780. Regular Virginia troops were engaged only in the first of these three engagements.