

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John McKnight S41860

MD

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

The State of Ohio } Ss

Warren County } Personally appeared before me the undersigned an associate Judge of the court of common pleas for the County of Warren in the State of Ohio aforesaid John McKnight of the County of Clermont in the State of Ohio who being duely sworn deposeth & saith that in the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight he enlisted in the service of the United States of America in a company commanded by Captain Lansdall [sic: Thomas Lansdale, pension application W13604] in the fourth regiment of the Maryland line that he served in the said fourth regiment of the Maryland line from the time of his enlistment untill the close of the revolutionary war when he was honorably discharged this deponent further states that he is now a resident of Clermont County in the State of Ohio that he is now grown old in the sevice of his country having served in the prime of his life and underwent much and excessive hardship in the defence of the Union and its rights his vigour and constitution are impaired that he is indigent & considers himself justly entitled to the pecuniary aid of that country for which he has made a sacrifice of his ease his health and the flowers of his days. & further saith not

John hisXmark McKnight

Sworn & subscribed before me the 25th day of Ap'1 1818

The State of Ohio } Ss On this 9th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being The Court Clermont County } of common pleas, within and for said County, and Also being a Court of record which have the power of fine and imprisonment John McKnight aged sixty two years, resident in said county, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows (to wit) in the 4th reg't. commanded by Lieut. Col. Samuel Smith [W9303] and Col. Josias Hall [Josias Carvel Hall], in the Company Commanded by Capt'n. Landsdale, in the Maryland line, and that he was notified of his being inscribed on the pension list roll of the Ohio agency, at eight Dollars per month, commencing on the 25th day of April 1818 by a pension certificate No. 5251 bearing date The 7th day of January 1819. 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 to wit, one and one fourth acre of ground, with a small house thereon One Cow and calf, two sows and Pigs, one axe, one hoe, 2 chairs, one table, one bake oven, tea kettle & small oven & that he is a tailor by trade but owing to age and infirmities he is unable to work much at his trade, he has no family except his wife Rachel aged 37 years, and depends on him for support.

John hisXmark McKnight

State of Ohio } On The 2nd day of June 1823 personally appeared in open Court being the Court Clermont County } of Common pleas within and for said County and also being a Court of Record having the power of fine and imprisonment John McKnight aged 65 years resident in said County, who first being duly sworn according To Law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows To wit. That he enlisted in the month of May 1778 in Baltimore in the State of Maryland for the Term of three years or during the war in the Company commanded by Captain Lansdale Regiment commanded by Col. Josias Hall and Lieut Col. Samuel Smith, in the 4th Regiment of the line of the State of Maryland, on continental establishment and that he continued to serve in the said Corps for five years,

four months & upwards when he was dismissed from the service in Annaoplis in the State of Maryland (And that he makes this Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of congress of the 18th of March 1818 the 1st of May 1820 and 1st of March 1823.) 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 To wit – one Cow \$7.00 – one heifer \$5.00, one hoe and one axe \$2.00, 2 chairs one table \$3.00, one bake oven two kettle and small oven \$3.00, one Bureau \$10.00 Total \$30.00, necessary clothing and bedding excepted

That he is a Tailor by trade, but owing to age & bodily infirmity is unable to do but very little toward supporting himself & wife, his family consists of his wife Rachel aged about 40 years, but infirm and unable to contribute much toward their support – and that he verily stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

That since the exhibition of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my property. That I have conveyed one and one fourth acre of ground to Job Stockton by Deed dated 27th March 1823 (an authenticated copy of which is herewith exhibited [not transcribed here]) for the consideration of fifty Dollars owing by me to the said Job Stockton for a Debt due him about five years since and for a Bureau, Table, some money, flour, pork and other articles. (The said Table & Bureau inserted in the above schedule)

John hisXmark McKnight

State of Ohio } Ss
Clermont Co. }

I John McKnight aged about 78 years do upon oath testify & declair that about or in the year 1778 I enlisted into the service as a Musician for the term of during the war in the Maryland regiment commanded by Col. Hall & that at Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] the Maryland line was so much cut up that I am uncertain in what manner the regiments were numbered – that I continued to serve in the South untill the close of the war when I with others were sent round from Charleston South Carolina to Anapolis in Maryland where I was discharged being then a Drummer. that I am now a pension of the United Stats & reside in Williamsburgh Clermot Co Ohio. I further declair that I have never received a Warrant for the bounty land promised me by the United States nor have I ever assigned or transferd my claim in any manner whatsoever. [Power of attorney to Col. Joseph Watson of Washington DC follows.]
[10 Dec 1831]

John hisXmark McKnight

LAND OFFICE,/ Annapolis, May 1st 1832;

I Certify, that it appears by the Muster Rolls remaining in the Office, that John McKnight enlisted as a private in the fourth Maryland Regiment, on the 23rd day of February 1779, and was present on the 1st day of October 1780;

George G. Brewer/ Register Land Office, W. S. Md.

LAND OFFICE,/ Annapolis, May 18th 1832;

I Certify, that it appears by a Pay Roll remaining in the Office, that John McKnight a fifer received of John Hamilton, Agent of the Maryland Line, \$88.— pay from the 1st January, 1782, to the 1st January, 1783—also \$47.60cts from the 1st January, 1788, to the 15th of November, 1783.

Gratuity, \$80.—. Total received, \$303.60cts. George G. Brewer/ Register Land Office, W. S. Md.