

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel McKemy W126

Sarah McKemy

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[p 12]

State of Tennessee Green County: On this 26th day of September 1833 personally appeared before me William M Crawford one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County Samuel McCamy [sic] a resident citizen of said County & State aged seventy-four years who being by me first duly sworn made & subscribed the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. He the said Samuel McCamish [sic] being unable to attend the Court and there make out his said claim Virginia he continued there until the Revolutionary war and in the year 1780 commenced his service as a militia man for the defense of the Country and served under the following named officers as herein after stated, to wit, that in the month of April 1780 he enrolled himself as a volunteer under Captain Tilford [probably Alexander Tedford] of the Virginia militia for to go against the Indians and was marched to Donnelly's Fort & there kept for one month & discharged by his Captain & returned home said discharge was verbal.

Again on his return home he volunteered under Captain McCoyneel for a three months tour of duty and enrolled himself and said officer, on the first of June 1780, was marched under the command of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg], to defend the Country when the British fleet was in the Bay & rivers was taken to Williamsburg and there kept with the expectation of the British landing & served out his time under said Captain Charles McConnel & General Muhlenberg was at the expiration thereof discharged & returned home said McConnel discharged him but which discharge has been lost by accident.

2 Again in the year 1781 in the month of September if he recollects aright he was drafted to go in the expedition to York Town against Lord Cornwallis, was enrolled under Colonel Lockard [?] (Captain's name not recollected) marched under said Lockard to York Town was there under the command of General Washington until the surrender [October 19, 1781] & was discharged & returned home, said tour was three months & was verbally discharged by Colonel Lockard.

16 Again was enrolled as volunteer for two weeks when Richmond was destroyed but has in the great lapse of time forgotten his officers at that time, but in the four several times served seven months & an half in the Revolutionary war & for which he claims compensation & to be pensioned, that he has no documentary or written evidence, nor does he know of any person by whom the Services can be fully proved but that John Gragg & James McMurtey are persons who reside in his vicinity and who are known to him & he to them & by whom he can establish the reputation of his services in the Revolutionary war. That there is no resident minister of the Gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts required by the Secretary of War. That he from age & bodily infirmity is unable to attend the Court in order to have his claim made out.

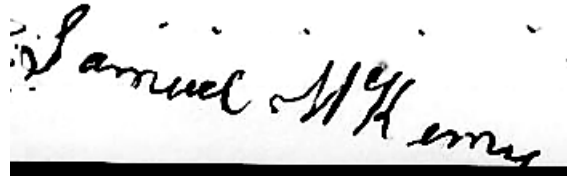
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present

and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 26th day of September 1833

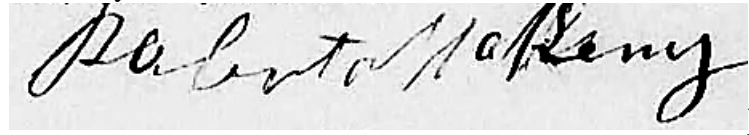
S/ William M Crawford

S/ Samuel McKemy [could be McKemis]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel McKemy". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background and is underlined with a thick black horizontal line.

[John Gragg and James McMurtrey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On March 23, 1844 in Greene County Tennessee, Robert McKemy, aged 56 years, made oath that he is the son of Samuel McKemy who was a pensioner at the rate of \$21 per annum; that his father died August 23, 1834 leaving affiant's mother having been married to her after the termination of his service in the revolutionary war; that his mother died December 9th, 1841 leaving the following children Rebecca Cook, Robert McKemy, Elender Ottinger, Alexander McKemy and Jane Borden.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert McKemy". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular box.

[p 4: family register:

Births

Rebecka McKimy was born December the 19th 1783

Robert McKimy was born January the 4th 1787

Ann McKemy was born March the 9th 1789

Elender McKemy was born March the 22 1791

Alexander McKemy was born July the 3rd 1793

Jinny McKimy was born April the 22nd 1796

Samuel McKemy was born October the 9th 1799

Births

[new column in a different handwriting]

Jane McKemy was born July the 5 day 186 [sic 1806]

John McKemy was born July the 4 day 189 [sic 1809]

Rebekah McKemy was born July the 19 Day 1811

Samuel Jackson McKemy was born March the 24 day 1814

Poley McKemy was born December the 17 day 1819

Hugh Alexander McKemy was born February the 29 day 1824

Marriages

Samuel McKemy & Sarah Dixon was Married September the Second 1783 and the following names on the otherside of this family Record are the sons and Daughters of Samuel & Sarah McKemy

Robert McKemy was Married to Elozebeth Porter October the first Day 1805

Alexander McCamy was Married to Malinda Borden March 26 1818

Samuel McKemy was Married to Poley Gabell December the 5 day 1825

Robert McKemy was Married to Nancy Gragg March the 21 day 1837

[p 18: Rebeca Cook, aged 61, a resident of Green County Tennessee gave testimony on April 1, 1844 that she is the daughter of Samuel & Sarah McKemy; and that the family record attached was in the possession of her mother at the time of her death and that she believes the record to be a true record of the marriages and births as recorded. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 15 days in the Virginia militia. His widow's heirs were pensioned in right of the widow in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending with the widow's death.]