

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McKee W18500

Mary McKee

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State of North Carolina Iredell County

On this 23rd day of August 1844 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid Mary McKee a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about eighty-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 4th of July 1836. That she is the widow of William McKee late of the County and State aforesaid who was a private in the North Carolina Militia during the War of the revolution that her said husband was drafted & served one three months tour against the Cherokee Indians in the year 1776,¹ that he was again drafted in the spring of the year 1780 & served a three months tour, on the borders of South Carolina at Waxhaw, & thereabouts and in the neighborhood of Providence [New Providence] and Charlotte North Carolina, that in the first tour above mentioned he was under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and in the 2nd tour General Rutherford & Col. Locke [Francis Locke] commanded, that she does not recollect the names of any other officers, that in the last mentioned tour, or one immediately afterwards her said husband served under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] & was guarding the Catawba River when the British crossed said River at Cowan's Ford at the time General Davidson was killed [February 1, 1781],² that he served a tour of three months as a drafted man under General Rutherford to Wilmington in the State of North Carolina. She thinks this service was performed in 1781, that he at other times served a short tour against the Tories in Bryan's Settlement in North Carolina & in pursuit of Col. Bryan [Samuel Bryan] who commanded a body of loyalists & Tories; that he her said husband was stationed at the old trading Ford below Salisbury NC on the Yadkin River for some days to prevent the British Army from crossing; She does not now recollect the names of the officers under whom he served in these short tours, but she well recollects that her said husband often came home on furlough, while Cornwallis was in the upper part of South Carolina & in North Carolina & spent a few days & then returned to the Army, She well recollects that her said husband was in various skirmishes, but was in no regular battle that she knows of: that from the year 1779 to 1783 her said husband spent more than one third part of his time in the Army, that she has no documentary evidence to support her claim she further declares that she was married to the said William McKee on or about the 13th day of May 1779 in the County of Rowan State of North Carolina.

¹ Cherokee expedition http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

That her said husband William McKee died on the 17th day of February 1820, & that she has remained a widow ever since that period. That her oldest son James McKee was born on the 29th day of April 1780 and her 2nd a daughter (Nancy McKee) was born the first of January 1782 her 3rd a son John H. McKee was born on the 21st of March 1784 all children of her said husband William McKee, all or most of which facts will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed

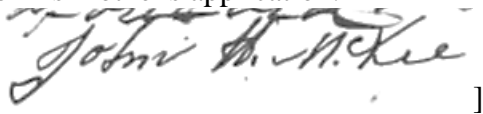
Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written

S/ Mary McKee, X her mark

[E. F. Rockwell, a clergyman, Thomas A. Allison & J H McLang gave a supporting affidavit.

[p 8; May 4th 1779 in Iredell County for the marriage of William McKee to Mary McHenry; William McKee and Archibald McHenry, bondsmen.]

[p 9 supporting affidavit given by John H. McKee, son of William and Mary McKee, in support of his mother's application.



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State of North Carolina Iredell County

This day personally appeared before me W. F. Cowan a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid David Hair³ a pensioner of the United States who after being duly sworn according to law saith that he was acquainted with William McKee husband of Mary McKee the applicant in the present case that he William McKee, served one tour of three months in company with deponent, both as privates in Capt. Armstrong's [perhaps William Armstrong's] company of Militia, in Major McGuire [Thomas McGuire] & Col. Locke's Regiment under General Rutherford as commander, to Wilmington North Carolina, during the Revolutionary War, that from loss of memory deponent cannot recollect the particular dates of this Service and does not recollect of any other Services performed by the said William McKee, but has no doubt of the truth of all the facts set forth in the declaration of Mary McKee widow of the said William McKee & who is the applicant in this case, that from great bodily infirmity & extreme old age, being about 84 years old, deponent cannot without considerable risk of health & perhaps of life, ride or go so far from home, as he would be compelled in this case to do, if he attempted to appear in open Court to make this affidavit he further declares that he is now a pensioner of the United States.

Sworn to & Subscribed this 24th day of August 1844 before me

S/ W. F. Cowan, JP

S/ David Hair, O his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]

³ [David Hair S6978](#)