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Pension Application of James McCant (McKent) W1909                      Elizabeth McKent                      VA  
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District of Virginia Sct.

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County the 1st day of September 1823.

On this 1st day of September 1823, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record by the laws of the state James McKent aged about 65 years residing in Spotsylvania County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war from the 10th day of August 1780 to the end of the war when he was regularly discharged, that he enlisted to serve during the war as a drummer under Captain Hawes of the 1st Virginia regiment that he was discharged at the Barracks at Winchester and that he was a resident Citizen of the united states on the 18th day of March 1818 and since that time he has not 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 myself 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 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 to wit. three cows and calves. two oxen, one heifer, two earlings, nine sheep, three sows & eight shoats, one old mare and colt, one bed and furniture, one old table, and ten chairs, and that I own no land whatsoever and that I am by profession a labourer, my family consists of myself and two daughters Susan 22 years old and Elizabeth 17 years old, and it appeared farther from the evidence of John Pettis [pension application W3449] aged 70 years sworn in Court and worthy of belief that he well knows the said McKent to be the same person who enlisted and served as before stated and in further addition he offered to the Court the paper writings signed James Robinson Jr & J. W. Pleasant which was proved to be the hand writing of the said Robinson and Pleasants and in the words and figures following towit, Council chamber 18th December 1783. I do certify that James McCant is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a private of the Continental line who has served three years and was enlisted for the war

Thomas Merewether – Benjamin Harrison

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

These are to Certify that the bearer hereof James McCant a Soldier in the first Virginia regiment having faithfully served the United States from the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1780 to this date and being a faithful soldier is hereby discharged from the [illegible]

Given at the War Office the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1783

By order of the Secretary at War

B Lincoln [Gen. Benjamin Lincoln]

Jos. Carleton [Joseph Carleton] Sec'y  
(a Copy)

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: James McCant/ age 16/ height 4 8¼/ farmer/ born in Virginia/ residing in Caroline County/ light-brown hair/ gray eyes/ dark complexion.

On 4 June 1849 Elizabeth McKent or McCant, about 79, applied for a pension stating that she married James McCant on 20 Nov 1795, and he died in July 1828. Her application was certified by her daughter, Miss Elizabeth McCant. In the file is a copy of a bond signed 21 Nov 1795 in Spotsylvania County by James McKent and Thompson Danniell for the marriage of McKent to Elizabeth Ramsey of that county, as well as the marriage return with the same date signed by Jeremiah Chandler. William

Beazley and William Chewing deposed that James and Elizabeth McCant had the following four children: Joseph, James, Susan, and Elizabeth.