

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis McCraw W2406 Mary H. McCraw f46VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 4/15/13

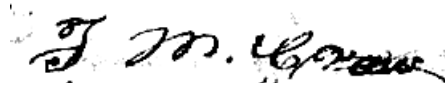
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State of Virginia Buckingham County to wit

This day personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Francis McCraw a soldier of the Revolution who from age & bodily infirmity is unable to appear in court; The said McCraw being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make & subscribe this declaration in order to avail himself of the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 for the pay or relief of certain officers & soldiers of the Revolution. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 with Captain Jesse Woodson & served in the 6th Virginia Regiment. He recollects the names of the following company officers John Law [could be John Low], Thomas Law [could be Thomas Low], William Smith & Francis Smith, Colonel Josiah Parker being the only Field officer at this time recollected. That he was born in the County of Powhatan State of Virginia in the year __. That at the time of his enlistment he resided in the County of Powhatan State of Virginia. That he was first marched to the city of Richmond Virginia thence to Norfolk Virginia – Thence to Dumfries, thence to Baltimore City & thence to Philadelphia in Pennsylvania where he joined the troops under command of General George Washington. From thence he was marched to Charleston South Carolina by the way of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Petersburg, South Quay, &c in through the lower part of North Carolina &c to the town of Savannah & on to Charleston as above stated. There General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] surrendered to Lord Cornwallis [May 12, 1780] the forces at that place under command of General Clinton [Sir Henry Clinton]. He states that he remained in the North tour above spoken of two winters one at White Plains the other at Valley Forge. He was discharged at Charleston & left his discharge at the Auditors office when he got a certificate for the depreciation of money. He served in the tour above spoken of one term of enlistment to wit three years. He was discharged in the year 1780 the month of the year he cannot now distinctly state. He returned then to the County of his then residence (Powhatan, State of Virginia). About the last of 1780 or first of 1781 he volunteered & went out with the Virginia Militia under command of Colonel Holt Richardson to Guilford North Carolina and was in the battle at Guilford C. H. [March 15, 1781]. The Regiment not now recollected; But he recollects the following field officers at that place, General Greene [Nathanael Greene], General Lawson [Robert Lawson], Colonel John Holcomb, Colonel Phil Holcomb, Major St. George Tucker, Benoney Overstreet [Benoni Overstreet] & a man by the name of Stephens [perhaps General Robert Stevens]. From Guilford he continued in the service & was at the siege of Yorktown Virginia & after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] he went with the prisoners from thence to Winchester Virginia by way of New Castle, Hanover-town, Hanover C. H., White Chimneys &c. He states that he has resided in this (Buckingham County Virginia) since his removal from Powhatan which was in the year __. That his discharge given in the last

tour has been long since lost or mislaid. That he has forgotten many particulars once recollected touching his services rendered in the Revolutionary War, During his last tour he did not according to his best recollection remained in service for a shorter period than 9 months. That he is now in his 74 year of age. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or any annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

S/ F. McCraw



Sworn & subscribed this 8th day of June in the year 1833 before me a Justice of the peace for the County of Buckingham Virginia

S/ Nat. Lancaster

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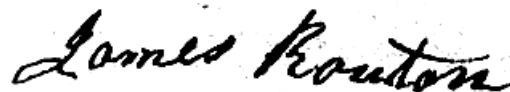
This day James Routin¹ aged seventy-one years came personally before me a Justice of the peace for said County & made oath in due form of law that he was in the battle of Guilford C. H. & well recollects that Francis McCraw the within applicant for a pension was also in said engagement. He further states that the said McCraw has ever since the Revolution been reputed as he states himself to be a soldier of the Revolution.

He also states that he has been intimately acquainted with the said McCraw for fifty-two years. That he has always believed that he served as he in his declaration has stated & that as far as he knows or believes that impression is general among those who know him.

Sworn & subscribed before me a Justice of the peace for said County this 10th day of June 1833.

S/ Nat. Lancaster

S/ James Routon



[John Morris & Theo C. Gannaway gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 4: Certificate dated January 18, 1869 executed by the Buckingham County Virginia clerk of court indicating that records in his office show that on the 7th day of February 1795 Francis McCraw and Mary H Word were married by the Reverend Elkanah Talley a minister of the gospel.]

[p 18: On November 21, 1848 in Prince Edward County Virginia, Mary H McCraw aged 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Francis McCraw, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Buckingham County February 7, 1795; that her husband died in Buckingham County September 28, 1834; that her maiden name was "Word". She signed her application with her mark.]

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Family Record

Marriages

¹ [James Routon W10242](#)

Noah Flood was born November the 2 1763

Salle Flood was born June 2 1764

& we was marred the 30 of October 1784

Benjamin H Word was married to Sallie Jones 14th March 1804 by the Reverend Jacob Levi Abraham

John W Redd and Lockey H. Woodson were married November 26 1823 by the Reverend Mr. M. Dance

Cary J. McCraw and Susanna Hicks were married December 17th 1823 by the Reverend Mr. John M Fulton

Francis McCraw and Mary Harrison Word were married February 7th 1795 by the Reverend Mr. Elkanah Talley

George W Word was married to Fanny Gregory May 6th 1813 by the Reverend Mr. Gabriel Walker

Francis McCraw the elder & Mary Woodson were married September 26 1752

James B Woodson was married to Lockey H. McCraw the 30 October 1818 by the Reverend Mr. Watkins

James Booker Woodson son to Lockey H. & James B. Woodson born 29th of August 1819

Thomas W McCraw was married to Martha A. Bondurant June 5th 1822 by the Reverend James Sanders [could be Landers]

William H Rowsen [?] was married to Ann W. McCraw Made 19th 1823 by the Reverend Mr. James Sanders

Francis Q McCraw

John A. Allen

Births

Francis McCraw Son of Francis McCraw and Mary his wife was born May 9th 1760

Mary Harrison Word daughter to Thomas Word and Lockey his wife was born the 30th of May 1768

Lockey Harrison McCraw daughter to the above born November 15th 1795 Sunday morning

Thomas Word McCraw son to the above born May 18th 1797 Thursday morning

Mary Alice McCraw daughter to the above born December 26 1798 Wednesday night about 10 o'clock

Cary Harrison McCraw son to the above born 6th of October 1800 3 o'clock Monday morning.

Ann Word McCraw daughter to the above born ~~July 16 1802~~ 30th June 1802 four o'clock in the afternoon Wednesday

Francis Dancy McCraw son of the above born July 16th 1804 about sunrise Monday morning

Miller Woodson McCraw son of the above born the 5 day of September 1807 about 3 o'clock afternoon Saturday

William H Word son to Benjamin H Word & Salley his wife born 25th December 1804

Dashwood Wood son to the above born 6 November 1806

Sarah Word daughter of the above born 10th May 1810

Benjamin H Word son to the above born 31st August 1808

Quin Morton Word son to the above born 22nd of August 1812

Susanna Martha Lockey McCraw Word daughter to the above born 28th December 1815

Lovinia M. Falthal [?] Flood (daughter to John Flood & Francis his wife) born July the 31st 1816 Monday morning

[p 11: The above family record was authenticated January 5, 1849 in Buckingham County Virginia by Francis Dancy McCraw

Francis D McCraw]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]