

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel McKisick W26251 Jane McKisick f70NC

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McKisick, Daniel

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid pension received by the District Court for the District of North Carolina submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on March 2, 1795 and printed in the American State Papers class 9, page 168.

Rank; Captain

Regiment; Troop of horse, Militia

Disability; Wounded by a musket ball in his left arm

When and where disabled; June 20, 1780, near Ramseur's Mill

Residence; Lincoln County

Remarks; Militia

Evidence in complete: 1st, no evidence where he left the service. 2nd, the examining physicians do not state the degree in which he is disabled from obtaining a livelihood by labor

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State of Arkansas Benton County

On this 14th day of August 1839 personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Benton and State of Arkansas James McKisick aged 80 years, who being first sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836:

That she is the widow of Capt. Daniel McKisick who served in the war of the revolution, that her husband the said Daniel McKisick commanded a company of Volunteers or Militia in the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina and that on the 20th day of June in the year 1780 he her said husband in an engagement with the enemy at Ramsour's Mill in said County received a gunshot wound in his left arm in consequence of which he was never able to perform manual labor during the remainder of his life, the ball having entered near the elbow Placuated[?]¹ the bone up to near the shoulder where it came out in consequence of receiving which wound he was placed on the list of invalid pensioners, as will be more fully understood and explained by a reference to the evidence on file in the pension office as she believes in the



City of Washington: she cannot at this remote period recollect who commanded the Whigs, at the battle at said Ramsour's Mills where her said husband Capt. Daniel McKisick received the wound as above described, but she is inclined to believe, that the command devolved on Capt. Falls [Galbraith Falls] who fell in the action, at the time of the Battle above referred to, her said husband Daniel McKisick lived about 8 or 10 miles from said Ramsour's Mills, during the day, on the morning of which he Battle was fought she was informed that an engagement had taken place with the enemy, & that her husband the said Capt. Daniel McKisick was wounded, she immediately proceeded to the Battle ground & found her husband with others wounded in the action, at Rinehardt's [Reinhart's?] house on a large farm which lay South, & near to Ramsour's Mills: on the evening of the same day on which the engagement took place, General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] came up with his Brigade but not in time to take part in the action: the detachment of the enemy consisted principally of Tories, & was commanded by Col. Moore [Lt. Colonel John Moore] as she was then in many times afterwards informed: she cannot at this remote period state exactly the date of her marriage with her husband the said Capt. Daniel McKisick deceased but to the best of her recollection it was in the year 1776 or 1777. She distinctly recollects that her second child was at the breast on the date of said Battle at said Ramsour's Mills where her husband was wounded; she was married in the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina, the marriage ceremony was performed by a Presbyterian Clergyman by the name of Lyle, who is dead as she believes; she has no documentary evidence of the marriage or the date thereof; & upon that point refers to the accompanying evidence as the best she can at this time procure. Her deceased husband the said Capt. Daniel McKisick drew a pension for many years before and up to the time of his death, she thinks he was placed on the list of invalid pensioners for the State of Tennessee after moving to that State his pension certificate if any he had, has been lost or mislaid & cannot now be found, the only documentary evidence she has of his being an invalid pensioner is the power of attorney hereto appended marked A which power of attorney with the oath annexed together with the signatures she believes to be in the handwriting of her said deceased husband Daniel McKisick; she with her husband and such of her children as were then unmarried left the State of North Carolina Lincoln County in the month of October 1807 and settled in Bedford County Tennessee, where he resided until the time of his death, which was on the 19th of November 1818, she resided at the same place where her husband died until the month of May 1836, when she set out for the State of Arkansas where she arrived in the month of June in the same year and has ever since lived in the County of Benton in said State, that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Jane McKisick

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jane McKisick". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

S/ David Mitchell, JP

[Ezekiel Dickson, 56, of Benton County, Ark., on Aug. 14, 1839, gave traditionary evidence as to the service and marriage of Daniel McKisick]

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State of Arkansas Benton County

On this 17th day of August 1839 personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Benton John Robinson² of said County aged ___ years who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he was a Soldier of the revolutionary war, he lived in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina and belonged to General Rutherford's brigade, that in the month of June in the year 1780 according to the best of his recollection the general marched with the troops under his command from Charlotte in said County to Ramsour's Mills in Lincoln County in said State, that on the morning of the same day on which General Rutherford arrived with his Brigade at said Mills, a battle had been fought between a portion of the militia & volunteers of the State of North Carolina and a detachment of the enemy consisting principally of Tories who were commanded by Col. Moore on the march from Charlotte to Ramsour's Mills General Rutherford's men took some prisoners, among whom was one, who represented himself to be a brother of the said Col. Moore who commanded the enemy at Ramsour's Mills [entire line of text is indecipherable where someone has attempted to match up two pieces of paper] out of his [indecipherable word] while he was under guard, General Rutherford he understood appeared to be much displeased on his arrival at the Mills that the engagement had been brought on before the arrival of his brigade. He states that he has no recollection of seeing the said Daniel McKisick deceased when he arrived at the Mills though he seen some of the wounded man, nor was he personally acquainted with him during the revolutionary war, he became intimately acquainted with him, his wife Jane the applicant & all his family in the County of Bedford in the State of Tennessee, he knows that he was disabled in the left arm & always understood during his acquaintance with him, that the disability in his arm & hand, was occasioned by a gunshot wound which he received in the battle that was fought as above represented at Ramsour's Mills in which the Tories were defeated, though the loss was considerable on both sides, & that in consequence of said wound he received a pension. He distinctly recollects that the said Daniel McKisick died in the fall of 1818 in the County of Bedford in the State of Tennessee. That he was present at the time of his death leaving the present applicant Jane McKisick his widow, that she now lives in Benton County Arkansas & has remained a widow ever since the death of her said husband Daniel McKisick he cannot speak from his own knowledge of the marriage of the said Jane McKisick the present applicant with the said Daniel McKisick deceased but from his knowledge of the family, & the reputed ages of their children, that they were married previous to the date of the Battle of Ramseur's Mill he has no doubt. He further states that he is a pensioner himself under the Act of the 7th of June 1832, that he has always been in the habit of writing his own name until something upwards of two years ago, he was visited with a paralysis affliction of his right side, since which time he has been unable to write.

S/ John Robinson, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Bedford County

On this 11th day of October 1839 personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Mary Patton the widow and relic of John Patten deceased, aged 76 years on the 16th day of September last, who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that she is the sister of said Jane McKisick the applicant the

² I believe this to be the same man as [John Robison \(Robinson\) W24798](#) even though that applicant does not refer to having served under Griffith Rutherford. He did reside in Benton County Arkansas and served in the North Carolina militia from Mecklenburg County.

widow of Daniel McKisick deceased and was living with her said sister Jane a part of her time during the revolutionary war, and was living in the family at the time the engagement took place, between a detachment of the American Army and the enemy at Ramsour's Mills in the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina; she was then young but very distinctly recollects the circumstance of the said Daniel McKisick deceased being wounded at said Ramsour's Mills, that on the same day on which the battle was fought, the said Jane McKisick the applicant went on to the place where the engagement was fought; and she this deponent went to her father's house about 4 or 5 miles distant from where said Daniel McKisick then resided, then about 3 or 4 days to the best of her recollection after going to her father's; the said Daniel McKisick with others who were wounded in the engagement were brought to bear. She cannot at this remote period state the year in which the said Jane McKisick the present applicant was married to the said Daniel deceased. She was present at the time of the marriage, being as above stated a younger sister of the said Jane the applicant. She distinctly recollects that the said Jane had 2 children at the time the said Daniel McKisick was wounded the youngest of which was at the breast, and was left in her care at the time the said Jane was absent with her wounded husband the said Daniel McKisick deceased. That the said Jane removed from this County in the spring of 1836, since which time she has not seen her, that up to that time she remained a widow since the death of her said husband Daniel McKisick, that she is credibly informed and believes the facts so to be, that she is alive and still a widow living in Benton County Arkansas.

Sworn to before me the day and date above written.

S/ John Barrett, JP

S/ Mary Patton



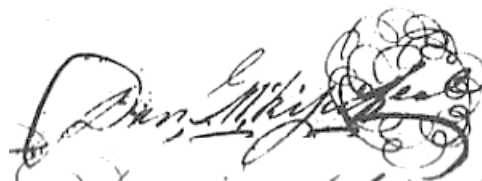
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Know all men by these presents, that I Daniel McKisick of the County of Bedford, and the State of Tennessee, for divers consideration and good causes me hereunto moving have made, ordained, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, ordain, constitute and appoint, William Boylan Esquire of the City of Raleigh in the State of North Carolina, my true and lawful attorney, for me, and my name and to my use, to ask, demand and receive of and from Sherwood Haywood Esquire, Commissioner of the loan office in & for North Carolina, the sum of \$240, money of the United States, the same being my pension due you and owing to me as an invalid Pensioner for 2 years commencing September 1808.... [boilerplate text omitted]

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 10 day of September in the year of our Lord 1810.

S/ Dan¹ McKisick, Seal

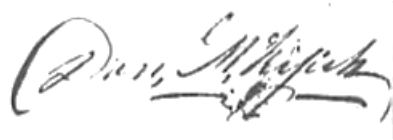


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State of Tennessee __ County Daniel McKisick this day personally appeared before the Subscribing Justice, and being Sworn in due and solemn form deposeth and saith that in the time of the revolutionary war on the 20th day of June in the year 1780, in an action against the enemy near Ramsour's Mills he received a gunshot wound in the left arm which broke the bone and has ever since entirely disabled him from performing manual labor and that afterwards, to the best of his recollection in the year 1797 he applied for a Pension, and that by an act of the Congress of the United States his name was placed on the list of invalid Pensioners, and that he was at that time and from the time of receiving the aforesaid wound an inhabitant of Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina until the Month of October 1807, when he removed to the State of Tennessee and is now a resident of the County of Bedford in said State, and that he is the same Daniel McKisick whose name has been placed on the Pension list by the act of Congress before preferred to dated on the 2nd day of February 1798.

Sworn to and subscribed September 10, 1810 Before me.

S/ Dan'l McKisick

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan'l McKisick", written in dark ink on a light background.

S/ Jos Steele, JP

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To the Honorable, the Senate and members of the house of Representatives of the Congress of the United States At the City of Washington Assembled in December 1841

The petition of Jane McKisick of the County of Benton in the State of Arkansas, who is the widow of Captain Daniel McKisick deceased who was in the Army of the Revolution, humbly & respectfully Sheweth,

That in the month of __ in the year 1776 she intermarried with the said Daniel McKisick, in the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina, that not long after her said marriage, the troubles and privations peculiar to the Revolutionary conflict, commenced in that section of Country where she married and resided, that in the early stages of the contest, there were no regular British troops in the part of the Country in which She & her said husband, the said Daniel McKisick then lived, but unfortunately a majority of the inhabitants of the Country around, adhered to the British authorities, and Soon became the deadly and uncompromising enemies of the few who espoused the cause of American liberty, and staked their all upon the then [indecipherable word] issue, her deceased husband the said Daniel McKisick took an early and decided stand in support of his Country's freedom, in consequence of which, he became obnoxious to the party then called Tories many of whom were destitute of the magnanimity of British Soldiers, and were in fact and in practice ruthless Robbers, they having at different times covertly stole upon her dwelling, and when failed in seizing the person of her said husband, would gratify their vengeance by the most wanton robbery, they having more than once taken property which she greatly needed, and at one time took & carried away her wearing apparel & Bedclothes with articles which she needed for the support of herself & small family; – Your petitioner further states that in consequence of the enmity of the Tories towards her husband, it became unsafe for him to remain at home, and after hostilities commenced it appeared necessary, as well for the benefit of his Country, as for his own safety, to attach himself to the party who had declared for freedom and being appointed Captain he took the command of Volunteer

company of militia –

In the month of June in the year 1780 the enemy under the command of a Colonel Moore a Tory officer assembled all their forces in that part of the Country at Ramsour's Mills in said County of Lincoln, with a view as she was informed, and verily believes to overrun the Country, and to drive the friends of Independence, the Whigs as they were then called into submission to the British Crown.

This offensive maneuver of the enemy -induced the Whigs to call together all their available forces throughout the adjoining Counties, preparatory to an engagement, and on the morning of the 19th or 20th of June in the said year 1780, to the best of her recollection, the Whigs or liberty men as they were also called, advanced upon the enemy's forces, they having taken a position on an elevated piece of ground near the Mills above mentioned, the forces of the enemy being much greater than that of those on the side of liberty, a sanguinary conflict ensued in which a considerable number was killed & wounded on both sides, in this engagement, the deceased husband of your petitioner, the said Daniel McKisick commanded a company as she was often informed from numerous Sources, & has no doubt of the fact –

Your petitioner is of the opinion from the best of her recollection that no field officer had arrived on the ground until the Battle was over, She thinks the command evolved in Captain Falls who fell in the action; the enemy was completely routed & the forces contending for liberty, although inferior in number, gained a signal victory; In this engagement her said husband Captain Daniel McKisick received a Gun shot wound in his left arm by which the bone was so badly broken Placerated [?] that he remained a cripple the balance of his life, the ball having entered near the elbow & come out near his shoulder; –

She further states that at the time that this Battle was fought she lived about eight or ten miles from the scene of action, that on hearing her husband was wounded, she hastened on to the Battleground: where she found him with other wounded men, in Rineharts house near where the engagement took place, that while there, & she thinks on the evening of the same day of the Battle, General Rutherford arrived with his Brigade, but unfortunately too late to take part in the action; while on the ground she seen the officers & Soldiers burying the dead; she further States, that in consequence of her said husband being disabled by the wound above described, he was placed on the Pension roll, while he lived in the State of North Carolina; that he drew a pension up to the time of his death; that in the year 1807 he moved with his family from Lincoln County North Carolina Bedford County in the State of Tennessee where he departed this life on the 19th of November in the year 1818, that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her said husband, that she lived in the same house where they were separated by his death, until the year 1836, when she moved with one of her Sons, to Benton County in the State of Arkansas where she now lives, She is unable to state at this remote period, what length of time her deceased husband was in Service, in the Army of the Revolution, after receiving the wound before described, it was several months before he was able to be on duty, many pieces of fractured bones having been taken from the wound, He was on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians but whether before or after he was wounded at Ramsour's Mills, she does not distinctly recollected, though she thinks it was after –

From the fact that she is now fifteen hundred miles from the place where were early scenes of trouble & misfortune took place, at this distant period of time, it is impossible to procure all the proof she would desire in support of her claim, She has had a declaration prepared about two years ago sustained by such prove as she could obtain, and forwarded to the Commissioner of pensions, claiming the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed

4th of July 1836 granting half pay pensions to widows &c &c but she has been informed, that the Pension Commissioner considered it the proof was not entirely sufficient to entitle her to the benefit of the act above referred to; She earnestly & respectfully requests; that her declaration now on file in the pension Office may be read & heard with this her petition –

Upon the facts for sand statements hereunto set forth, She respectfully asks, the benefit of the provisions of the said Act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836 –

If her claim is considered Just & [paper damaged and text illegible] she confidently appeals to a generous public grant the pittance she now claims –

In your [petitioner] as in duty bound will ever pray &c

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jane M. Kerick". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 12th day of December 1841

S/ J. M. Hoge Judge of the
Circuit Court for the 4th Circuit
Arkansas

[Veteran's widow was initially pensioned at the rate of \$175 per annum increased to \$311.66 per annum commencing on March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a Captain in the North Carolina militia.]