

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McKown W7430 Phebe McKown f61VA
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The State of Ohio County of Knox: SS

On this 16th day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County aforesaid now sitting James McKown a resident of Milford Township in the County am State aforesaid aged seventy-four years on the 2nd day of September 1832 who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – The name of his General was __ Hand [probably Edward Hand of Pennsylvania] – Colonel Zanes [probably Lieutenant Colonel Isaac Zane] Captain John Baldwin Lieutenant John Trig [probably John Trigg] – He entered the service in the service in the month of September A.D. 1776 he thinks – He resided on entering the service in the County of Berkly [Berkeley] in the State of Virginia. He was a volunteer. He marched from Berkeley County to Pittsburgh under the command of his Captain. From Pittsburgh his company with the Virginia soldiers commenced their march for Wheeling passing down the Ohio River. The water in the River at this time was very low & part of the soldiers went down the River in boats while the other part marched down on the bank of the River – While this applicant among others was marching along the riverbank – his party was suddenly fired on by a party of Ambushed Indians. When this applicant received a wound in his left thigh from a ball fired from one of the Indian Rifles. This was a flesh wound and was such as to confine this applicant about fourteen months. This applicant when he entered the service as a Volunteer aforesaid entered for one year. After receiving the wound before mentioned he was put into a Boat and carried down the River to Wheeling. At Wheeling he remained about ten weeks as near as he can recollect. He was then removed to a place called Beach-bottom-Station about 12 miles above Wheeling. There he remained until the next May. He was then removed to Washington County Pennsylvania and placed in the care of one of his relatives where he remained until he had sufficiently recovered from his wound to be able to perform his duty which did not happen until the time for which he had volunteered had expired.

This applicant received a written discharge from his Captain John Baldwin but he has lost the same.

The object of the volunteers among whom he went was to protect Wheeling and the Western frontiers from the invasions of hostile Indians.

During the time that Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] this applicant served about one month under the command of General Morgan [presumably a reference to Daniel Morgan] in subduing the Tories in the County of Hampshire in the State of Virginia. The name of his Captain during this Term of service was John Bowers. He states that they succeeded in

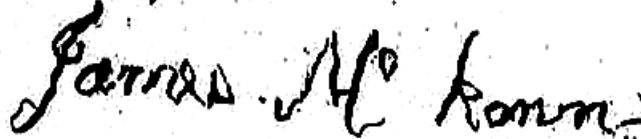
filling Hampshire Jail full of Tories.

He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service.

Applicant states that he was born in the year 1758 September 2nd. He has a record of his age at home in his Bible. He has lived in Virginia and Pennsylvania and Ohio since the Revolutionary War and he now lives in Ohio.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or Territory Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above.

S/ James McKown

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James McKown". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[John Davis, a clergyman, and William Buckingham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p. 9: On November 12, 1850 in Jackson County Virginia, Phebe McKown, 95, filed a claim for a pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of James McKown late of Ohio who was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$43.33 per annum. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 10: On November 12, 1850 in Jackson County Virginia, Gilbert McKown & Elias McKown filed an affidavit stating that James McKown died in Jackson County Virginia January 9, 1845. Their relationship, if any, to the widow and/or the veteran is not stated. Gilbert McKown gave a separate affidavit in which he states that the widow's maiden name was Phebe Casto [?]; that she married her late husband in the town of Winchester in the County of Frederick state of Virginia in the year about 1782.]

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Virginia Jackson County: to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned James Greer a Justice of the peace in & for said County and State Gilbert McKown age sixty-three years and a citizen of said Jackson County who makes this supplemental affidavit to be used as evidence before the Commissioner of Pensions in the case of Phebe McKown a widow of James McGowan a deceased Revolutionary soldier & an applicant for a five years pension. The said Gilbert McKown whom I hereby certify to be a distinguished and credible witness says on oath, that the said James and Phebe McKown moved or migrated from Berkeley County in the State of Virginia to Green County in the State of Pennsylvania sometime during the year 1787 in which year the said deponent or affiant was born – he knows this fact from family tradition as well as from the circumstance of his birth being in that year; at the time of the removal of the family into Pennsylvania they brought with them three small children to wit Sarah, Isaac and Mary McKown. Affiant has frequently heard his father say that his marriage license cost him sixty dollars, and would explain the apparently heavy charge by saying that he had paid for it in Continental paper money; and that his mother Phebe McKown the said claimant has shown to him when a small boy her silver shoe buckles which she wore at the time of her marriage, and he also perfectly recollects when a boy his father saying that the family Bible (now lost) & which contain the register of births, deaths & marriages was brought from Scotland by the grandfather

of said James McKown & was much worn & was lost at the time of the removal of the family from Pennsylvania to Mason County Virginia now a part thereof Jackson County – that said removal was made in the year 1814. This affiant knows that the marriage occurred in Virginia in the year 1782 because he had as so always understood the fact from the family tradition, and from the fact of his being a small boy at the time his parents resided in Pennsylvania. Affiant has never heard of the marriage being drawn in question, doubted or disputed in any manner whatsoever, and that his parents were always received in society as man & wife and so considered by the public. After the time of the removal of his parents as before stated this affiant was born in Pennsylvania and at 5 years of age his recollection of facts are strong and clear.

S/ Gilbert McKown, X his mark

[Attested February 8, 1851]

[Facts in file: the widow died January 2, 1855; the following children all referred to in the documents in this file: Sarah, Isaac, Mary or Polly and Gilbert born in 1787 in Green County, Pennsylvania. The widow's sister, Sarah Wright, testified in her behalf in Jackson County Virginia in 1850. This file contains several lengthy affidavits given by Sarah Wright.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year & one month in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]