

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nevin McKinney W7431 Sarah McKinney f23VA
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State of Virginia: Halifax County to wit:

On this 24th day of July 1844, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Sary McKinney a resident of said County and State, aged 84 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 July 7th 1838, Entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" –

That she is the widow of Nevin McKinney, – late of the said County and State, who was a private in the Militia Service of Virginia in the War of the Revolution – She declares that she has no personal knowledge of the services of her late Husband in the Revolutionary War being a woman and not married to him at that time, She has often heard her late Husband in his lifetime say, and also others who served with him, that he was in the service of his Country some considerable time, was engaged in Several Battles and that he suffered many hardships and privatizations; all of which she honestly believes to be true – that from bodily infirmity, old age and the consequent loss of memory, she cannot call to recollection the particulars of her husband's service as related by him and therefore prefers to depend on the statement of others who served with him whose certificates accompany this Declaration.

That for the same reason above stated, she cannot state with any degree of certainty the exact length of time her husband was in actual Service altogether, but would suppose he served at least six months, for which length of time she claims a pension, in support of her Claim. She refers to the Army Records of the period, and the accompanying Certificates of old and reputable Soldiers which are prayed to be considered as part –

She further declares that she was married to the said Nevin McKinney on the 20th day of December 1785 that her husband the aforesaid Nevin McKinney died on the 13th day of February 1809. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place prior to the first day of January, 1774, to wit, at the of time above stated – That is to say on the 20th of December 1785 as will more fully appear by proofs hereto annexed.

S/ Sary McKinney, X her Mark

State of Virginia Halifax County to wit

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Nevin McKinney deceased late of Halifax County Virginia and recollect that on the 3rd day of February 1809 he departed this life, leaving at the time of his death his widow Sary McKinney she is still alive and continues to be his widow. Given under my hand this 25 day of July 1844

S/ Asa McKenney

State of Virginia Halifax County:

I Joseph Ashby¹ do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Nevin McKinney in the Revolutionary War; and also that I served with him one Tour of three months; on this tour we served under the command of Captain Michael Roberts under whom we marched to Yorktown where we remained until after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]; and also know that he served this Tour faithfully and was honorably discharged; I also know the fact of his having served one tour of three months previous to the one above spoken of, but that I do not recollect the names of any of the officers whom he served under on this Tour; I am of opinion that he marched from this County to Norfolk; I am now 85 years old,

S/ Joseph Ashby, X his mark

sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of May 1844

S/ John S Pleasants, JP

State of Virginia: Halifax County, to wit:

I George Estes,² a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States, do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Nevin McKinney, late of Halifax County and State of Virginia during the Revolutionary War; I also certify that I served one tour of three months duration in the same Company with said Nevin McKinney as well as my recollection serves me at this time we were drafted about the first of January in the year 1781, and marched from this County to Cabin Point; on our arrival at Cabin Point said Nevin McKinney and myself joined a Volunteer Company commanded by Captain Long (I am of opinion that Long's Christian name was William) Alexander Dick was the Colonel who commanded, General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] was the commanding officer; we were marched from Cabin Point to a Stationed between Portsmouth and Suffolk, near Nansemond River, where we remained until near the close of the term of three months, when we were marched to Barrots Neck and were discharged at the close of the Tour, I know the fact that said Nevin McKinney served this tour faithfully and was honorably discharged, We did not march from this County under the same Captain nor do I recollect the name of the Captain under whom said McKinney was drafted, but I recollect distinctly of his having served the above named tour of 3 months a volunteer; I am now 85 years old. Given under my hand this 2nd day of April 1846

S/ George Estes, X his mark

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

This is to certify that I was well acquainted with Nevin McKinney deceased, late of Halifax County Virginia and no the fact that he served two Tours of three months each during the Revolutionary War, in the Militia Service; one of those tours of three months I served with him, and marched from Halifax County and State of Virginia to Yorktown under the command of Captain Michael Roberts and Colonel Rogers commanding; I know that he served this Tour faithfully and was honorably discharged.

I recollect the fact distinctly of his having served on a Tour of three months previous to this but at this distant date I cannot call to my recollection the names of the officers under whom he served; he served on this last named Tour in the lower part of this State, as well as my memory serves me at this advanced period. I am now 85 years old.

I further certify that I have been acquainted with the applicant Sary McKinney for a great

¹ [Joseph Ashby S8039](#)

² [George Estes S18394](#)

number of years, and no the fact that she is the widow of the above named Nevin McKinney who rendered the above named services in the Revolutionary War;

Given under my hand this 27th day of July 1844

S/ James Casaday,³ X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for his service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

³ [James Cassada \(Cassaday, Casaday\) S8176](#)