

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse McKinzey (McKinsey, McKenzie) W7432
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Catharine McKinzey MD

United States of America } Ss
Indiana District }

Be it remembered that on the eighth day of July Eighteen hundred and Eighteen, personally came before me the undersigned Judge of the District Court of the United States in and for the said District Jesse McKinzey, of the county of Knox, State of Indiana, who being duly sworn, declareth and saith, That early in the Spring, he believes the latter part of March, or the first of April, but the precise day he has forgotten, in the year One Thousand seven hundred & Eighty, at Frederick Town, in the State of Maryland, he enlisted for Three years, unless sooner discharged, in the company commanded by Captain Michael Boyer [sic: Michael Bowyer], of Colo. Welteners [sic: Ludowick Weltner's] Regiment. That the day, or a few days, before the revolt of the Pennsylvania troops, the companies of the Regiment, to which he belonged were seperated and those that had been recruited in Maryland, returned to that State – he was marched to Frederick Town – thence under Captain Williams to Baltimore, where he was placed under the command of Captain Hamilton – from thence he was sent to Annapolis, and there came under the command of Captain Truman [possibly Alexander Trueman]. That sometime after he was ordered to the army under the immediate command of Gen'l. Washington engaged before York Town; but the company or Regiment, to which he was then transfered he does not recollect, but believes he was in the Corps commanded by the baron de Steuben [Gen. Baron von Steuben], and in which he continued untill after the capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], when he was ordered to Ashley's bridge South Carolina [probably Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River], where he was attached to the first company of Colo. Stewarts [John Stewart's] second Maryland Regiment, and believes the said first company was commanded by Captain Price. That at the expiration of Three years, from the time he had enlisted, he was refused a discharge, on the ground, as stated to him, that he had enlisted for and during the war, and therefore continued in the service untill sometime in the fall of seventeen hundred and eighty three, when he was honorably discharged, at Frederick Town, Maryland, by Captain Gatrel, who commanded at that place – but he has lost his discharge and cannot state the day of its date. That he has no other evidence in his power, of his said services. That he is in reduced circumstances, and all the property he has is not of the value of two hundred dollars. That he is in the fifty sixth year of his age, and from an affection of the spleen, has been in bad health for thirteen years, and for eight months has been unable to labour and must have suffered, had it not been for the kindness of his friends. That he therefore needs the assistance of his country for support, and prays the benefit of an Act of Congress, Intituled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

NOTES:

The file includes a copy of the last will and testament of Jesse McKinsey, signed by his mark on 23 Sep 1818 and proved on 5 Oct 1819, which bequeathed his entire estate to “Catharine my beloved wife.”

On 15 Oct 1838 Catharine McKinsey, 80, of Ross County OH, applied for a pension stating that she married Jesse McKinsey in Pennsylvania on 22 Jan 1784, and he died in Vincennes IN on or about 3 Nov 1818. On 11 April 1839, still 80, she stated that she married Jesse McKinsey on or about 2 Jan 1784, and that they had the following three children: John, born 9 Dec 1788, who was an officer in the War of 1812 and afterward went to South America and had not been heard from since; Bennet, born 5 Jan 1791, since deceased; and Elenor, born 10 April 1793, also deceased. On 28 July 1840 John McKinzie (as he signed) of Ross County certified that he had known Jesse and Catharine McKinsey living together as husband and wife in Allegany County MD in 1793. On 20 June 1843 Catharine McKenzie was said to be 84 and a resident of Cincinnati OH. On 20 Oct 1848 she was said to be 89.