

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander McKay (McKoy) W8427

Jane McKay f43NC

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State of Kentucky County of Rockcastle

On this 26th day of April 1852 Personally appeared before me Thomas J. Smith the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State above mentioned, Hector McKay aged 49 years a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth state on his oath, that he is the administrator of the estate of Jane McKay, deceased, who was the wife of Alexander McKay, deceased, doth on his oath make and subscribe to the following declaration on behalf of the heirs of the said Alexander and Jane McKay, deceased, in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision of the act of Congress of the United States passed the 4th of July 1836 -- or the Provision of such acts of Congress as will apply to the following same case.

Doth declare on his oath that the said Alexander McKoy, deceased, is the Identical man, who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution against Great Britain from the County of Roan [sic, Rowan] State of North Carolina. That the said McKoy served a part of the time a private in the North Carolina Militia -- and a part of the time in the Continental North Carolina Line, and is informed and verily Believes in some of the Tours aforesaid -- the said Alexander McKoy served was once under Capt. Pearl [James Pearl] -- and once under and belonged to the Company commanded by Capt. Campbell [James Campbell] and was commissioned while in the service aforesaid a Sgt. or Lieut. -- And acted in that capacity the greater portion of the time the said McKoy served in the War of the Revolution aforesaid, in computing the different times in all was not less than 2 years or thereabout, and that the said Alexander McKoy is the Identical man that served as aforesaid -- And after serving out the different periods for which he entered the service aforesaid faithfully -- was honorably discharged in the war aforesaid. Said discharge having long since been lost -- and that the said -- Alexander McKoy -- is the Identical man who was married in the County of Rowan State of North Carolina to Jane Munroe -- which took place the early part of the year 1779 -- and before the close of the War of the Revolution = and is the Identical parties mentioned in the annexed marriage Bond. That the said McKoy and wife aforesaid -- remained in the County of Rowan State of North Carolina, after the close of the war aforesaid -- until the year 1812 -- which time the said McKoy and wife aforesaid, migrated to Garrard County State of Kentucky -- And there remained up to his death never claiming a pension -- being Ignorant of his right, his said death happened in said County and State the year 1830 -- Leaving his wife Jane a widow and some children -- who survived him -- and shortly thereafter his said widow and children migrated from Kentucky to the Jefferson County (Indiana) and there remained a widow Ignorant of her rights to a pension never claimed one -- up to her death which

happened the 5th day of July 1845 -- leaving the following and only children who survived their ancestors -- the said McKoy & wife viz. -- Alexander McKoy Junior, Margaret Munroe late Margaret McKoy, Hugh McKoy, William McKoy, Hector McKoy -- That the said Alexander McKoy deceased having served his Country Faithfully, in the war aforesaid, That he presents this Petition in right of his children to a pension to the department of the United States that governs such cases -- at Washington City -- and by reference to the North Carolina Revolutionary Rolls -- and the proof in the cause, which is herewith respectfully submitted -- well doubtless award to the heirs aforesaid their claim to a Pension, as the laws of the United States direct.

S/ Hector McKoy, Administrator



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[The marriage license bond issued in Rowan County North Carolina on March 12, 1779, for the marriage of Alexander McKay to Jean Munroe; Alexander McKay in Robert McKay, bondsmen.]

[p 22, Thomas McCoy, 79, of Jefferson County, Indiana, gave testimony that he lived in Rowan County North Carolina at the time of the revolution, a neighbor of Alexander McKoy and that he was aware of Alexander serving as a soldier in the revolution; he also testifies as to the marriage of Alexander McCoy to Jane Monroe.]

[p 26, Thomas Ellis, 79, of Rockcastle County, Ky, also gave a supporting affidavit based on traditinary evidence.]

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State of Kentucky County of Laurel

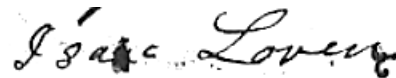
Be it known that on the 10th day of September 1852 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State above mentioned, Isaac Loven<sup>1</sup> aged 90 years -- a resident of the County and State aforesaid and known to me to be Reputable and of deposing memory -- who being first duly sworn according to law, doth depose upon a petition of Hector McKoy (administrator) of the Estate of Jane McKoy to the department of the United States of Rockcastle County Kentucky -- at Washington City for arrears of Pension on behalf of the Children of Alexander McKoy & Jane McKoy his wife (deceased) on account of service rendered by their ancestor -- the said Alexander McKoy deceased in the war of the revolution against Great Britain. Deponent states on his oath That he was a soldier of the war of the Revolution and belonged to Capt. Humphreys Company of General Retherd [sic, Rutherford?] Brigade in the War aforesaid North Carolina and while he was in the Service aforesaid deponent became well acquainted with the above named Alexander McKoy Deceased & swears that the said Alexander McKoy belonged to Capt. James Campbell's Company -- and Capt. Pearl's Company -- And that he served a part of the time in the NC Militia and a part of the time in the North Carolina Continental Line and that said McKoy served aforesaid as an officer - - under the above named captains in all over 2 years -- and Served his country faithfully and was honorably discharged -- deponent did not serve in the same company with the said Alexander McKoy -- but knew him well in time of the war and his service -- and swears that the said

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<sup>1</sup> [Isaac Loven \(Lovin, Lovins\) R6478](#)

Alexander McKoy is the Identical man who served as aforesaid in the War of the Revolution under the for mentioned officers and thinks he was a Lieut. -- not sure, as to that -- but is certain he was an officer -- and deponent was well acquainted with Jane Monroe -- in the County of Rowan State of North Carolina with whom the said Alexander McKoy was married to him said County and State -- before the close of the War aforesaid deponent did not see the marriage but remembers well of hearing it spoken of that day were to be married -- and thinks it was about 1779 but knows well that -- The said Alexander McKoy and Jane Monroe lived together as man and wife before the year 1780 in the County & State aforesaid -- and that their marriage was never doubted -- and knows well that said Alexander McKoy and wife moved from Rowan County State of North Carolina about the year 1812 2 Garrard County Kentucky -- and there lived up to his death -- and knows his wife James survived him and is now dead -- and left children = with whom deponent knows Hector McKoy -- the administrator of said state as one of their children -- and knows well the said Alexander McKoy was an illiterate man could neither read nor write -- and swears on his oath that the above named Alexander McKoy is the Identical man who is the Husband of the widow aforesaid whose children are the applicants for the arrears of this Pension -- and knows him to be the Identical man who did the service in the War of the revolution -- and knows well that the said Alexander McKoy fought at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] -- and that he did the most of his revolutionary Service as aforesaid after he was married to the aforesaid Jane Monroe his wife his widow -- who are the applicants for this pension -- and that Hector McKoy aforesaid is one of their children -- and swears upon his oath that if his name the said Alexander McKoy, deceased, name has been spelt different than McKoy it was spelt Kay and that deponent has lived in the adjacent County to Rowan NC at the date the said McKoy did the service aforesaid -- and also lived a neighbor to the said Alexander McKoy and Jane his wife before his death in Garrard County Kentucky -- and their recognized him to be the same man who did the service aforesaid -- as stated -- and knows well that he was late Husband of the widow whose children are applicants for the pension at this time and swears that he is a disinterested witness.

S/ Isaac Loven

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Loven". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the name.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, and ending July 5, 1845. The amount of her pension was based on the service of the veteran for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]