

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald McCreary (McCreavy, McCrevy, McCrery) W8434

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[pp 16-17]

At a court of Common Pleas begun to be holden at Spartanburg Court house in and for the district of Spartanburg on the 2nd Monday after the 4th Monday in October being the 5th day of November in the year of our Lord 1827 Present his Honor Judge Gantt.

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

On this the fifth day of November 1827 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the district of Spartanburg having unlimited power and Jurisdiction in all cases at issue, Archibald McCrevy [sic] a resident of said district aged eighty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of 18th March 1818, and the first of May 1820 that he the said Archibald McCrevy enlisted for the term of three years sometime in the forepart of the year 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. John Nelson in the 4th Regiment commanded by Col. Poke [sic, Thomas Polk] or Pogue in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps until sometime in the first of the year 1779 when he was honorably discharged from the service (having completed his term of three years in the 4th Regiment in the State of North Carolina that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of the State except the State of North Carolina and that the following are his reasons for not making earlier application for a Pension to wit First because I was unwilling to the Chargeable to my Country -- 2nd not having the prospect of offering the testimony I now offer. 3rdly I did offer a Declaration¹ before his Honor Judge Richardson which was returned for some small informality and lack of evidence. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed --

¹ I did not find any earlier declaration in this file.

Two cows	\$20
Some carpenter's tools	8
Two plows	1.50
One set plow Harness	<u>2.00</u>
	\$31.50

S/ Archibel McCrevy

And more over I do Solemnly Swear that since the 18th day of March 1818, that no change has taken place in my property -- I am a carpenter by occupation but so worn down with age that I am unable to obtain a support by my labor. I have no family except my wife Jane McCrevy aged near sixty who is more infirm than is common of her age. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court saith November 1827

S/ Archibel McCrevy

[attested by]

S/ Richard Gantt, Presiding Judge

[Gideon Reynolds and James Wofford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[All of the above documents were certified by the clerk of court as being true records of documents in his files. Consequently, none of the purported signatures are original.]

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State of Tennessee Humphreys County} Came personally before me and duly made oath the following deponents (to wit) Breton George[,]² David Passmore³ & David Ivy⁴ and depose that they were well acquainted with Archibald Macquarie in the Revolutionary war and know that he Enlisted into the Service of the United States on the Continental Establishment North Carolina line 4th Regiment Captain Nelson's company Under the command of Colonel Poke [sic] in the forepart of the year 1776 and that he faithfully Served his term of 3 years when he was honorably discharged Early in 1779. Sworn and subscribed this 1st day of March 1828

Britain George, X his mark

David Ivy, X his mark

David Passmore



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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the name of Archibald McCrary does not appear on the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War.

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh the 11th day of January 1826.

S/ Wm Hill

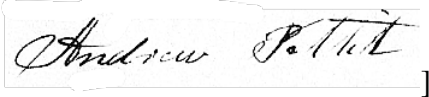
[pp 5-6 contains the following Bible record— 57, Andrew Pettit appeared in court in Spartanburg District South Carolina and testified that the following family record is that of his father and

² [Breton \(Britton\) George S38725](#)

³ [David Passmore S1924](#)

⁴ [David Ivey W26156](#)

mother and that it is in the handwriting of [illegible]⁵ Pettit and was written many years ago.



Marriages

Benjamin Pettite & Elizabeth F. Hinchman [could be Hindman] were joined in Wedlock on the 2nd Day of June 1791

Henry Howard & Rachel Pettit were joined in Wedlock on the 24th March A. D. 1814

Andrew Pettit and Mary Vise were married August 4th 1836

Births

Benjamin Pettit was Born July the 26 in the year of our Lord 1769

Elizabeth Pettit was born June the 20 1771

Jean Pettit was born July the 2, 1792

Rachel Pettit was born July the 18 1794

Aaron Pettit was born June the 20 1796

Henry Pettit was born November 26 1798

Hannah Pettit was born February the 15 1801

Isaac Pettit was born March 15th 1803

Hiram Pettit was Born April 13 1805

Silas Pettit was born May the 25 1807

Rhoda Pettit was born May the ninth 1809

Andrew Pettit was Born August 17 1811

Lecal Pettit was born July 26th 1814

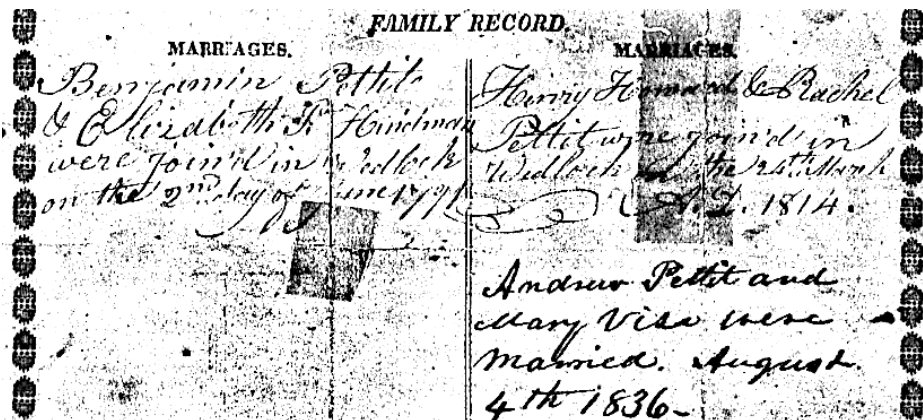
John J Howard Born April the 8th 1816

Mirza C. Howard was born Oct. [illegible] in the year of our Lord 1819

Benjamin Franklin Pettit (Son of Andrew & Mary Pettit) was born 28th January 1839

Nathan Harlin Pettit was born 7th Sept. 1840

Rilla ann Pettit was born March the 21 1842



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FAMILY RECORD	
BIRTHS.	BIRTHS.
Benjamin Pettit was born July the 26 in the year of our Lord 1769	Andrew Pettit was born August 17. 1811.
Elizabeth Pettit was born June the 20 1771	Lucas Pettit was born July 26. 1814.
Jean Pettit was born July the 2 1792	John J. Howard born April the 8 th 1816.
Reachel Pettit was born July the 19 1794	Mirza C. Howard was born Oct. 6 in the year of our Lord 1817.
Laron Pettit was born June the 20 1796	Benjamin Franklin Pettit (Son of Hannah & Mary Pettit) was born 28 th January 1839-
Henry Pettit was born November the 26 1798	Nathan Haslin Pettit was born 17 th Sept 1840.
Hannah Pettit was born February the 15 1801.	Rillaann was Pettit was born March the 21 1842.
Isaac Pettit was born March the 15 1803	
Hannah Pettit was born April 13 1805	
Sarah Pettit was born May the 5 1807.	
Rhoda Pettit was born May the 18 1809	

[p 12: On April 3, 1855 in Spartanburg District South Carolina Samuel McCravy [sic], 56, a resident of said District file for the arrears of pension due to his mother under the 1838 act from March 4, 1854 (the date of her last pension payment) up to June 17, 1854 when she died. He states that his mother left no estate but some articles of little value. That her surviving children were Mary Woodard, Sarah Pruitt, Samuel McCravy, Massey Striplin, Chistena Holms & Jane Harrison. He signed the document with his mark.]

[p 23: Another family record:

John Davis was born the 18th of November 1794 Son of Hugh & Rachel

Sarah Davis daughter of Robert & Gracie Harrison was born 25th of November 1796

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John Davis was born 18th Nov
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Another page of family records appears on p 24 but the image is illegible in both the Fold3.com and Ancestry.com versions.]

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State of South Carolina
Spartanburg District } SS

On this 29th day of May 1850 personally appeared before me Sam K. Sumner one of the acting Magistrates in and for said District Mrs. Mary Smith who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following affidavit to wit

That she is personally acquainted with Jane McCrery widow of Archibald McCrery & was before she married the said Archibald. That she well knows that they were married prior to the birth of her Brother Robert Morrow and that her brother Robert was born in November 1793 as appears of record (the original Family record now in the Pension office sent there by her mother Mrs. Morrow,⁶ She Knows that the aforesaid Marriage took place prior to the birth of her brother Robert from the following facts to wit Sometime in the early part of the fall of 1793 he the deponent's father went to market and she the deponent's Mother got the said Jane to come & stay with her while he the said deponent's Father was gone to Market & [undeciphered words] that She Jane came to that House on Sunday & on Monday Jane's Parents came & took her Home and in a Short time after they took her Home they Jane & Archibald as she the deponent understood ran off & got married. She further knows that her Mother was then pregnant with her brother Robert which Jane McCrery was there - & sometime after she heard that Jane & Archibald was married her brother was born. That she does well recollect that the aforesaid marriage took place at the time above stated and does now solemnly swear that she Jane was married with said Archibald McCrery before the Birth of her Brother Robert.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day and date first above written.

Mary Smith



[p 85: Jennett Morrow gave testimony on April 3, 1849 in Spartanburg District South Carolina stating that she well knew Jane McCrery widow of Archibald McCrery; that they were married sometime in the fall of 1793 which she remembers because she was pregnant with her sixth child Robert who according to the family record was born on 17th day of November 1793. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

⁶ [Samuel Morrow W21825](#)

[Facts in file: Veteran married Jane Cathcart on September 16 or 17, 1794; she executed an application March 23, 1846 while living in Spartanburg District, SC, aged 77. She died June 17, 1854 survived by the following children: Nancy Woodward or Woodard, born July 18, 1794; Sarah Pruyette or Pruit; Massey Striplin; Christena or Crissey Holms or Homes; Jane, wife of Andrew Harrison; John and Samuel who was a resident of Spartanburg District aged 56 in 1855. There is reference in the file to a family record showing the marriage of the veteran to Jane Cathcart, but I didn't find it in this file. In such a large file, it is possible I missed it or that it is the record referred on p 24 which is too faint to discern in the documents posted online.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 12, 1828 for service as a private for three years in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing July 1, 1848 and ending June 17th, 1854.]