

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander McKinzie W8439
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State of Kentucky }
 Lincoln County Sct }

On this 16th day of May 1840 Personally appeared before me Richard Singleton a Justice of the peace in and for said County Tabitha B. McKinzie a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged seventy nine 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 7, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Alexander McKinzie who served as a regular soldier and as an officer for a considerable time during the Revolutionary War, He went into service from the County of Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] in the State of Virginia in the early part of the Revolution and continued there the declarant thinks (for she was at that time acquainted with him) untill nearly or quite to the close of the War. The declarant is of the opinion that the said Alexander acted and was commissioned as an Ensign in a Company of Cavelry belonging to General Waynes [Anthony Wayne's] Brigade, But who was his Captain or Colonel the declarant cannot now recollect, But for information on this point the declarant begs leave to refer the Commissioner to the papers of her deceased Husband which was made out and place on file by the said Alexander McKenzie through the politeness of either the Hon William Qualls or the Hon George Robertson then members of Congress from the State of Kentucky and about the year 1820 or 1821 for the purpose of obtaining his pension But the said Alexander died before he ascertained what had been done in his case, She further declares she was married to the said Alexander McKinzie in the County of Albermarle in the State of Virginia On the thirteenth day of March Seventeen hundred and Eighty three (1783) That her husband the aforesaid Alexander McKinzie died on the Seventeenth day of September Eighteen hundred and Twenty one (1821) That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but her marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninty four Viz at the time above stated. She further declares she knows of no record of her marriage nor of the age of her Children

[signed] Tabitha B Mckinzie

D'r The United States in a/c With Alexander McKenzie C'r.

		dolls.	¢o		dolls.	¢o
1782	To pay as Sergeant Dragoons. 12 months	180	...	By Certificate	180	...
1783	To pay 10½ months	157	45	By four months pay	60	...
	“ Gratuity	80	...	By Certificate	177	45
	By himself	237	45	Settled Nov'r 20 1784	237	45

The foregoing is truly copied from Commissioner Andrew Dunsomb's Book of Settlement's Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond, this 17th day of July 1840. Jas. E. Heath

The Deposition of Mr Jesse Lewis [pension application S5680], a resident of the County of Albemarle in the state of Virginia, taken at Charlottesville in said County and state, on the 24th day of

November 1840, to be read as evidence in favor of the application of Mrs Tabitha McKinsie for a pension under an act of Congress passed the 7th July 1838.

Deponent being in the 78th year of his age and duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and saith, that he was well acquainted with Alexander McKinzie, who entered, at the same time that this Deponent did, into the company of recruits commanded by Capt Harris [Benjamin Harris, W7664], and who marched with him, in the spring prior to the Siege of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], to the place of Rendezvous, Chesterfield Court house, Va, where General Baron Steuben commanded: said McKenzie and this deponent enlisted and entered into the service of their country as eighteen months men [militiamen drafted into Continental service for 18 months]; McKinzie was appointed a Sergeant after reaching the place of Rendezvous, in the Regiment commanded by Col. [Thomas] Gaskins – and was frequently changed from one company in said Regiment to another. At one time he was under Capt [Abraham] Kirkpatrick, at another under Captain [Thomas] Warman, and he was also in one or more other companies in his capacity of Sergeant. This Deponent further says, that some short time before the Siege of Yorktown, there came officers, to a place called Holt's Forge [on Rappahannock River near Fredericksburg], who wished to enlist men in the horse service, out of the foot service, to serve during the war. Alexander McKinzie enlisted in the horse service; I saw him as a Dragoon and he was a Sergeant in that service, in Col. Whites [Anthony Walton White's] Regiment of horse, with whom he went on to the South; I saw him after his return at the close of the war, he having I have no doubt fulfilled the terms of his enlistment and received an honorable discharge.

After the close of war, and whilst I lived near him, (the deponent further saith) the said Alexander McKinzie married Tabby or Tabitha Hill – and Deponent was near neighbour to said McKinzie, until he had by his wife, the said Tabitha five or six children: he subsequently removed to Kentucky. Deponent thinks said McKinzie was married to Tabitha Hill in 1786

[signed] Jesse Lewis

State of Kentucky } S.S.
Lincoln County }

On this 13th day of May 1843 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Tabitha McKinzie a resident of Kentucky in the County of Lincoln aged Eighty years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 3^d March 1843 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War. That she is the widow of Alexander McKinzie who was a Seargeant in the regular service and belonged to the company commanded by Captain James Gunn of the Cavalry That the regiment was Colonel Anthony W. White and that the Brigade was commanded by Col. Anthony Wayne and that the annual amount of the pension which she received under the act of July 7 1838 was one hundred & Sixty Eight 80/100 dollars

She further declares that she is still a widow Tabitha herXmark McKinzie

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Powhatan Courthouse lists the following: Alexandr McKinsey/ age 23/ height 5' 9½"/ black hair/ black eyes/ dark complexion/ hatter/ born and residing in Albemarle County/ enlisted as a substitute in Orange County on 29 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Previously served nine months in the 5th North Carolina Regiment. Sized 27 Apr 1781.

The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 29 Mar 1786 by Alexander McKinsey and Samuel Taliaferro for the marriage of McKinzie to Tabitha Hill.