

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McKee <sup>1</sup> W8446

Margaret McKee

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"On this 31st day of August 1829, Our Dear Edward departed this transitory Life aged 29 years, and through the all sufficient Merits of our adorable Redeemer and Glorious Advocate, I humbly trust, reposes in the Bosom of our God.

On the 9th day of September 1834, in the 74th year of his Age Departed this Life, John McKee, My Beloved Husband, upwards of Fifty years, who has been our sojourn here, in Sorrow and in Joy, and Blessed be the God of my Mercies, Methinks I hear the Voices of my loved ones gone before Chanting Hallelujah around the Throne, to the Great Eternal! in whose presence is "fullness of Joy and Pleasures evermore!" And now Lord I wait for thy Salvation! And when the Bridegroom shall say he "Come" May thine Handmaiden be found Watching as one who waiteth for the Coming of her Lord! And may she be enabled with all the Redeemed ones to exclaim, Thanks be to God who giveth us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen and Amen."

John McKee, to Margaret Johnson married March 9 1784

Elizabeth Daughter of John and Margaret McKee was born February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1785 [married Hamilton Tripp November 21, 1799]

Rebecca, Daughter of John and Margaret McKee was born July 4, 1787

Departed this life on the 11 of October 1790 aged 3 years & 3 months

Mary Margaret Daughter of John and Margaret McKee was born November 24, 1790

Departed this life on the 1 October 1794, page 3 years & 10 months

John Johnson Son of John & Margaret McKee was born September 20th 1793

Departed this life on the 7th of August 1795 aged one year & 10 months

Henrietta Daughter of John and Margaret McKee was born February 9, 1791 [married May 8, 1818, John Bell]

Caroline, Daughter of John and Margaret McKee was born April 21, [illegible] [married December 12, 1816, John Verdier]

Edward, Son of John and Margaret McKee was born June 5th 1800 [married February 23, 1825, Catherine Williams]

Anna, Daughter of John and Margaret McKee was born December 27th 1801

Louisa, Daughter of John and Margaret McKee was born September 21st 1804

Marzaretta, Daughter of John and Margaret McKee was born November 3rd 1807 [died 1809]

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt3775-160-55

Henry, son of John and Margaret McKee was born September 6th 1811  
Our loved Louisa departed this transitory Life on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 1822 aged Eighteen years.  
Our ever dear Anna departed this life on the [illegible] of December 1823 aged 22 years.  
Our ever dear and beloved Henrietta departed this Life on 14th of August 1825, aged 29 years.

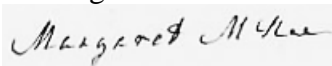
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State of South Carolina Beaufort District

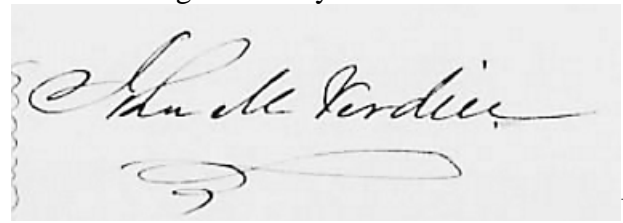
On this 18th day of January in the year of our Lord 1851 personally appeared before me John M. Baker a Magistrate appointed to keep the peace and duly commissioned under the great seal of the State, Mrs. Margaret McKee, a resident of the town of Beaufort in the District in State aforesaid, aged Eighty four 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 on the 7th day of July 1838 entitled "an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," that she is the widow of John McKee who was a private soldier in the war commonly called the Revolution, having entered the service as a volunteer at the age of 16 years in a company raised on the island of St. Helena and commanded by Capt. Jenkins [John Jenkins], which company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Barnwell, that he marched thence to Purysburg where he was mustered into the service, and that he served several years, that he was present and engaged at the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] and that he was also at the Siege of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina filter the British on May 12, 1780]; that he received after the close of the war, compensation for a portion of his term of service, which compensation was paid in guineas. She further declares that she was married to the said John McKee on the 9th day of March 1784 by Rev. James Graham; that she has no other record of her said marriage than the entry in the family Bible now in her possession that her husband the aforesaid John McKee died on the 8th day of September in the year 1834 in the 74th year of his age, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service; but the marriage took place previous to the first of January A.D. 1794, to wit on the day and in the year above stated. She further declares that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made any application for a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me  
S/ Jno M. Baker, Magistrate

S/ Margaret McKee

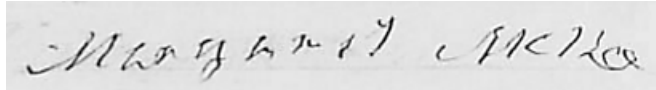


[p 41: On January 18, 1851 in Beaufort District South Carolina, John M Verdier gave testimony authenticating the family record of the veteran and his widow.

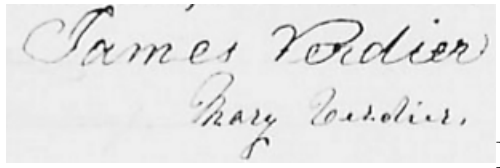


[p 11: On the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1855 in Beaufort District South Carolina, Margaret McKee, widow of John McKee, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war

veteran.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margaret McKee".

Her execution of this document was witnessed by James and Mary Verdier.

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script, one above the other, reading "James Verdier" and "Mary Verdier".

[p 31: Certificate dated October 24, 1850 issued by the Comptroller General of South Carolina showing payments made to a John McKee for militia service in 1781 and 1782 for 112 days duty as a private footmen in Captain James Crawford's Company of Colonel Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment from May 5, 1781 to December 25, 1782

[Veteran was awarded a pension at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup> 1831 and ending September 8, 1834 for his service as a private for 9 months in the South Carolina militia. The pension was awarded posthumously based on the application of his widow. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]