

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McCoy W9991

Susan McCoy

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State of Indiana Decatur County: SS

On this __ day of October 1832 Personally appeared before the Honorable Judges of the Decatur Circuit Court in and for the County of Decatur aforesaid now sitting William McCoy a resident of the County of Decatur and State of Indiana aged seventy-two years the 15th day of September 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he volunteered in the service of the United States in the first of March 1778 and served in Colonel Edmonds Regiment in the company commanded by Tillman Weaver [Tilman Weaver] as Captain, and served six months, and joined said Company at Massaponox Bridge [?]¹ Virginia and then marched to Williamsburg and stationed as a watch in different places and was discharged on the Potomac River and my Discharge was handed me by Major James Wright, do not Recollect who signed it and in the forepart of September 1778 I was drafted to serve six months in the Militia of Fauquier [Fauquier] County Virginia commanded by Colonel John Gillison in the Company of Captain Thomas Hellems [Thomas Helms'] and believes the Number of the Regiment was the 13th and joined the Regiment at Hobs hole in Virginia and served within a few days of six months in said Regiment and was as a guard on the Chesapeake Bay from there to Parpotanza [?]², and near Charleston South Carolina I enlisted in the Rifle Regiment commanded by Colonel William Washington, William Russell commanded as Lieutenant in the company I was in for a short time the Captain's name not recollected he died in a short time after I joined the company and the next Captain died also his name not Recollected General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] was General of the line I was then, and was Marched to Charleston South Carolina then to Savannah and was at the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and received two wounds and one ball is at this time in my thigh and was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781] and was in the service of the United States from the first time I volunteered in the forepart of March 1778 until the Army was disbanded in

Massaponox Bridge
¹ *Williamsburg*

Parpotanza
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1781. I was discharged at Winchester Virginia and was discharged by Colonel Ransel [?]³, which is lost. I was born in the state of Virginia Fauquier County in the year 1760 on the 15th day of September. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state and that he has no documentary evidence and that he does not know of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He further saith he has no record of his age and that he had was living in Fauquier County Virginia when he joined the Army.

S/ William McCoy, X his mark

[David J Cox, a clergyman, and David Jewitt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The Amended Application of William McCoy an applicant for a pension under the provision of Congress passed June 7th 1832 &c

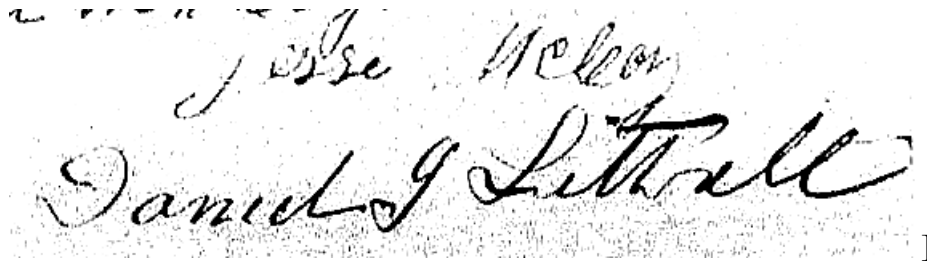
The said William McCoy personally appeared in open Court at the April Term A.D. 1833 of the said Decatur Circuit Court (before which his original application was made) and on his oath states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served as a private soldier two years and nine months, that he served one year and nine months in the regular service, and one year in the Virginia militia in the manner stated in his Declaration, that as to the periods of the war in which he served, it was 1778, 1779 (until he thinks) October 1781 – as to the second interrogatory he says he has no record of his age, and has no knowledge of one whatever.

As to the sixth interrogatory he says that he received no discharge at York Town from which place he was sent to Winchester Virginia with the prisoners, and at the latter place he received his discharge from Colonel Russel [?]& which is now lost & as to the [indecipherable word] he says he is acquainted with Colonel Thomas Hendricks, John Test, Junior, James Johnson Esquire who can testify to their belief of services.

S/ William McCoy, X his mark

[p 16: On June 6, 1863 in Jefferson County Kentucky, Susan McCoy, 84, a resident of Louisville Jefferson County Kentucky filed for her pension as the widow of William McCoy, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband died February 10, 1842 in Louisville Kentucky; that she married him in Louisville in January 1838 by the Reverend Allen a minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Susan Hanners. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 18: Jesse McCoy, son of William McCoy and step son of Susan McCoy gave a supporting affidavit as did Daniel Jefferson Littrell, grandson of said William McCoy.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature is "Jesse McCoy" and the bottom signature is "Daniel G Little". Both are written in dark ink on a light background.

[p 22: On August 25, 1863 in Jefferson County Kentucky, Jesse McCoy gave testimony that Susan McCoy widow of William McCoy died at the affiant's house on the East side of Hancock Street between Fulton Street and Beargrass Creek on July 17, 1863, at about 10:00 PM.]

[p 30-31: Jesse McCoy testified that there were no children from the marriage of his father William McCoy to his stepmother Susan McCoy.]

[p 33: certificate dated June 6, 1836, from the Jefferson County Kentucky clerk of court stating that on January 4, 1838, William McCoy obtained a license to marry Susan Hannas.]

[p 5: certificate of Joshua White, Sexton of the Eastern Cemetery of the City of Louisville, Jefferson County Kentucky that Mrs. Susan McCoy was buried in said cemetery July 18, 1863.]

[Note: Most of the papers in this file relate to the various attempts Jesse McCoy, sole legatee of Susan McCoy, to obtain the pension for which she applied. That she died 10 days before the certificate of pension was issued to her.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]