Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter of March 22, 1940, in which you request information relative to the Revolutionary War soldiers, James Hamilton who was placed on the pension roll November 18, 1786, in Augusta County, Virginia, and John McKnight or McNight who served in the Chester County, Pennsylvania militia, under Colonel Matthew Boyd.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War records of this office fails to show any information relative to a John McKnight (searched under all spellings) who served from Pennsylvania.

The Revolutionary War records of this office show that James Hamilton who served in the Virginia militia was placed on the pension roll November 18, 1786, as an invalid pensioner, and the pension commenced January one, 1786 at the rate of $33.33 per annum under the act of June 7, 1785, and the pension was increased to $53.33 per annum under the act of April 24, 1816. At the time he was receiving his pension James Hamilton was living in Augusta County, Virginia.

This office has no further data relative to James Hamilton and non-whatever in regard to his family as the application papers filed by this soldier were destroyed when the War Office was burned in 1800.

You state that the will of your James Hamilton was probated in 1806. The James Hamilton noted above was receiving pension as late as 1816 and could not be identical with the James Hamilton whose will was probated in 1806.

[Transcriber's Note: the above letter might relate to the same veteran as James Hamilton S25128]