

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Benjamin McConnell BLWt3645-160-55 Jane fn8NC
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october 2, 1781

this is to Certify that benjamin mconnell serv'd under me when in pursuit of the Enemy into gifford orange and chataham the term of three weeks in the Light hors way

S/ Joseph Byars, Ct.

S/ George Davidson, mg

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State of Tennessee, County of __

On this the 9th Day of July A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me, Daniel Stevens a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Jane McConnell aged about 90 years of age of Bedford County in the State of Tennessee who being duly sworn, declares that she is the widow of Benjamin McConnell, deceased, who was a private in the Company commanded by Capt. Joseph Byors in the __ Regiment of light horse commanded by Major George Davidson in the War with Great Britain or Revolutionary war of independence declared by the United States on the 4th day of __ A.D. 1776, that her said husband Benjamin McConnell volunteered in said company __ County North Carolina on or about the __ day of September A.D. 1781 for an indefinite term and continued in actual service in said Company and for the term of 3 weeks and was honorably discharged from said service at __ County North Carolina on or about the 2nd day of October A.D. 1781 on account of expiration of the Campaign for which he enlisted and that his the said Benjamin McConnell's services will appear by the examination of his Certificate of discharge herewith filed with this declaratio.

She further says that she was married to the said Benjamin McConnell 13th day of September A.D. 1808 by one Archibald Cathey, a minister of the gospel in Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina and that her name before marriage was Jane Rankin and that her said husband died in Bedford County, State of Tennessee on the 8th day of April A.D. 1820 and that she is still a widow.

She further states that she has not received, nor is not to her knowledge, entitled to receive Bounty Land under any act except those that she now applies for Bounty land under the act passed by Congress the 3rd day of March A.D. 1855.

She further states that having been married in North Carolina at so early a period and residing as she does now in Tennessee she cannot say whether there is any public record of her marriage or not, and that from her extreme age she cannot now think of sending back to find out. She stands almost alone in this country of those who started in life with her. And she can only furnish the evidence of her neighbors as to her reputed marriage -- which she trust may prove satisfactory to the department.

S/ Jane McConnell