

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

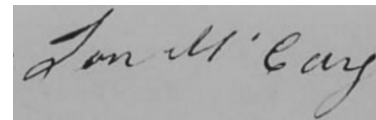
Pension Application of John McCay (McKay) S34991
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State of Maryland
City of Baltimore Sct.

On this fifth day of May in the year of our lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen personally appeared before me the undersigned, John McKay, alias McCay now residing in Baltimore County, aged fifty four years or thereabouts, an applicant for a pension under the late Act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war," and then and there made the following declaration upon Oath, by me administered, "That he enlisted at the age of about fourteen years at George Town in Kent County Eastern Shore of Maryland, some time in the summer of 1780, to the best of Deponants recollection, sent to Chester Town and from thence ordered with other recruits to Annapolis, there mustered in Captain Sheppards Company of Infantry, in the State Regiment, commanded by Col. Smith [Alexander Lawson Smith, pension application W4247], was sent on to Philadelphia with about twenty other boys, under Lieut. Middleton [Theodore Middleton S11075], to carry Horses which had been purchased for the public service. after remaining at the barracks at Philadelphia about three weeks, was ordered with about 200 others to the head of Elk [now Elkton MD], from thence transported by water to Annapolis, where he joined Captain Sheppards Company, drew his cloathing, and marched with said Regiment to Alexandria, thence to Fredericksburg [VA], thence through Richmond to Petersburg, from thence to Hillsborough [NC], where they joined a part of Greens [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene's] army, after Gate's defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], thence marched to Salisbury, thence to Sharraw Hills [sic: Cheraw Hills SC, Jan 1781], where they joined the Main Army. Col. Smith's Regiment was then detached to Haleys Ferry on Pedee River [sic: Pee Dee River], as a look out guard, from thence marched and joined the main army near Guilford Court House, crossed Dan river to near Prince Edwards Court House, – soon after the regiment was broke up, the men transferred to fill other regiments and the Officers sent home; deponent was sent as a waiter to Lieut. or Capt. Lane, who returned to Annapolis there deponant joined some troops, which were under Command of General [William] Smallwood, received a furlough to go home; returned and joined Capt. Francis Revelley [Francis Reveley BLWt261-300] Company in Col Adams [Peter Adams BLWt372-450] Regiment, then marched to Williamsburg Va. there joined the main army under Gen'l. Washington, proceeded to the seige of York after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], marched to the Southward in said Company in what was then called "4th Reg't." to guard artillery and ammuniton to supply General Green's army at "Pond Pond" [sic: Ponpon] in S. Carolina, where they joined the army, marched to "Bacons bridge" [near Old Dorchester] and after various movements crossed over to James' Island to winter quarters, where they lay until Charleston was illuminated for the ratification of peace – about the month of June put on board a Vessel, returned to Annapolis, there received a furlough without date – which furlough he left with a certain John Browning and has long since been lost. That his name hath never been enscribed in any pension list, therefore hath none to relinquish, and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

[signed] Jon McCay



City of Baltimore Sct.

On this fifth day of May 1818 personally appeared before me the subscriber associate Judge of Baltimore City Court William Simmons, and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God saith that he knows John McCay an applicant for a pension, that the deponent served in the war of the

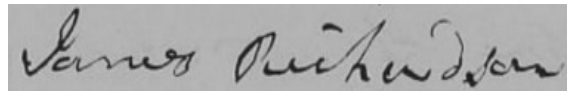
Revolution with the said John McCay in the same Regiment of the Maryland line & that he the said John McCay was a faithful Soldier.

William hisXmark Simmons

City of Baltimore Sct.

Be it remembered that on this twenty seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, personally appeared before me the subscriber, one of the Associate Judges of Baltimore City Court, James Richardson who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Allmighty God deposeth & saith, that he is acquainted with John McCay and was present at the time the said John McCay made his declaration as an applicant for a pension. That the Deponent enlisted the said John McCay in the month of July one thousand Seven hundred and eighty in Kent County, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, as a Soldier in the Ninth Company of the Eighth Maryland Regiment, on the Continental Establishment for three years or during the war. The deponent further saith, that the said John McCay continued in the army from the time of his enlistment until the end of the war, having served three years and upwards as a Soldier in the revolutionary army on the Continental establishment. The deponent also states that he has seen the declaration of the said John McCay, hereto annexed, & doth verily believe that the facts therein stated are true & that the said John McCay is very poor & in reduced circumstances

Sworn & subscribed before me this Twenty Seventh day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighteen



United States of America
Maryland District SS.

ON this fifth day of September 1820, personally appeared in open court in the District Court in and for the said District of Maryland John McKay alias McCay aged Fifty six years, resident in the City of Baltimore in said District who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: That he enlisted at George Town in Kent County Maryland in the summer of 1780 mustered in Capt Shepperd's Company in the state Regiment commanded by Col Smith number not now recollected but was afterward broke up to fill other Regiments and the Officers sent home and Deponent being but a Boy became servant to Capt Lane who returned to Annapolis from the southward and there joined some Troops under Gen'l Smallwood, was afterward ordered into Capt Francis Revelees Comp'y in Col Adams Regiment and with him joined the main Army and proceeded to the seige of York from thence to South Carolina in the 4th Regiment Crossed over to James' Island and remained until peace was proclaimed, returned to Annapolis there discharged from Capt Reileys Company, or rather unlimited Furlough That he made his original declaration before Judge Brice at Balt'o about 5 May 18181 as per pension Certificate no 406 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

That he hath no property of any kind or nature what soever. That he hath no family. That he hath been a sailor but in consequence of ill health was under the necessaty of quitting the occupation and has for several years past obtained a bare subsistence by labouring about the country, until being at length unable to procure board for his labour was received into the Maryland Hospital where is still permitted to remain as a matter of Courtesy. He is utterly incapable of labour, and in such reduced and indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his country or from private or public charity.

John McKay