

with others of the American Army prisoners. That at the time of this engagement, he had served out his Term of 3 months within a few days. That the British kept him a prisoner until they reached Charleston, South Carolina, and afterwards, detained him as a Prisoner until after the capture of Lord Cornwallis; then they either set him at liberty, or he was regularly exchanged, he does not recollect which. In this Tour he served 3 months within a few days as aforesaid & was detained a prisoner with the Enemy as aforesaid from about the first of February 1781, until after Cornwallis's capture, which was the 19th of October 1781, say 8 1/2 months, making in all as a soldier & prisoner this last tour 11 1/2 months. That for the first 2 named Tours he received regular discharges, but which have long since been destroyed or lost, as he considered them of no value & took no particular care of them. That while in the United States service, he was acquainted with a number of officers among others Generals Lincoln, Davidson & one of General Davidson's aids __ Pogue.

That he cannot from the lapse of time recollect the number or names of any Continental or Militia Regiments with which he served, other than the one in which he first served. That he was born in Scotland the 23rd day of October 1759, that he has no record of his age, but has a distinct recollection of the account, his Parents gave him of his age, which is that before stated. That his Parents emigrated with him from Scotland to the State of North Carolina, about the year 1772 or 3. That since the Revolutionary War he resided in Rowan County, afterwards a short time and Iredell County taken from Rowan, afterwards in Richmond County, afterwards he removed to Chesterfield County in the State of South Carolina, from where he removed near 40 years ago to Ohio County, from which Tyler was taken, where he lived one year, thence he removed to this County, which was then part of Ohio, where he has ever since continued to reside. That he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That he is acquainted with the Rev. Thomas Jones, Joseph McCoy, William Wales, John Nicklin, John McCoy, John Martin & others of his neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services in the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity but the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Wm McKay

[Thomas Jones, a clergyman, and Robert Gorrell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: William McKay died October 6, 1836; he married in February 1787 Nancy whose maiden name was McKay or MacKay; she filed for a widows pension April 11, 1839 while living in Tyler County Virginia and aged 69 years; the widow died April 16, 1840; the widow stated in one of her applications that she moved from Carolina and 1795 at which time she had 4 Jordan but only names that are given are Neil (who was born April 19, 1788), Reuben and Isabella; there is extensive family correspondence in this file submitted died the widow to prove her marriage to the veteran. The following is a paragraph from the war department summarizing the genealogical information in that correspondence:

"The following were brothers and sisters of the widow, Nancy: Hugh who in 1819 was living in Richmond County, North Carolina, with post office at Laurel Hill, had married a daughter of Hugh McLean and had children, -- John, Nancy, Daniel, Hugh, Catherine, George and Lochland; Isabella who died in Georgia on August 24, 1811, leaving children, -- Nancy, Peggy, John, Neily, Daniel and another (name not given) and in 1816 said children were living with their father (name not given) and Jones County, Georgia, on the Ocmulgee River near Fort

Hawkins; John who died in Goochland County, Virginia, November 11, 1795; Catherine who died August 15, 1814 & was married; Adam who lived in Robeson County, North Carolina, with post office at Cowper Hill, married August 31, 1815, Catherine Henderson, the daughter of Manassah Henderson, and 1819 they had a son and have lost a daughter (their names not given); Margaret who married February 9, 1809, John Gordon (the son of Alexander Gordon) they lived "up Shoe Hall" where Angus MacAlester formerly lived and had children, Alexander, Isabella, Effey, William and another son (name not given) said John Gordon died May one or two, 1818; William who in 1816 was a merchant living in Wilmington, North Carolina, and about 1818 he married Anny D. Berry; Alexander who in 1819 was a bachelor.

"Hugh McKay or MacKay, brother of the widow, Nancy McKay, stated that his father died April 4, 1802, and that his mother died in January 1813, but their names were not given. In 1821 said Hughes stated that his sister, Peggy, had a son born March 4, 1821, but no reference was made to a 2nd marriage of Margaret Gordon and the name of the son was not given.

"In 1816 reference was made to Madwell or Maxwell McKay's wife and son who, when "last heard" from, the son was living the other side of Cheraw Hill."]