

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McConnell <sup>1</sup> W9193      Mary McConnell      f61NC  
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State of North Carolina Iredell County

On this 7th day of June 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County Mary McConnell aged 84 years a resident of Iredell County and State of North Carolina who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838. That she is the widow of John McConnell who was a Revolutionary Soldier, that he entered the service in what was then called Rowan County North Carolina as a volunteer in the month of December 1779 and was gone 5 months during which time he served under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] commanded by Capt. Jacob Nickols [Jacob Nichols] under whose command they attacked the British Sloops of war as they attempted to come up what was then called Savannah River and prevented them from landing and finally succeeded in getting their ships -- and that afterwards he was drafted under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] commanded by Capt. Abel Armstrong, and was gone to her certain knowledge three months during which time he was at the battle of Cowpens [January 17, 1781]<sup>2</sup> & was engaged in the battle and that after the Americans gained the day he assisted in guarding those of the British Army they had taken prisoner to the Island Ford on the Catawba River in Rowan County North Carolina where they (the prisoners) were delivered up to General Morgan and that he then returned to his mother's house in what was then called Rowan County North Carolina in the month of February in the year 1781. She further declares that one year or upwards or on the \_\_ day of March 1782 she was married to him the aforesaid John McConnell by one Col. David Caldwell a Magistrate, and that her husband the aforesaid John McConnell died on the 11th day of April 1822 and that she has remained a widow ever since his death and she further swears that living at a great distance from the Court House and being old and infirm in body she cannot safely go there to make her declaration, all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

Test: S/ P. Campbell, JP

S/ Mary McConnell, X her mark

[Facts in file: John and Mary McConnell were married in Rowan County, NC; her maiden name

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt30932-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_cowpens.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html)

was Mary Dobbins or Dobyys, daughter of John Dobbins or Dobyys; Mary McConnell moved in 1845 to Caldwell County, Kentucky; John and Mary McConnell had several children; in 1854, 2 of their children, James E. McConnell, 40, and Miss Sally R. McConnell, 46, resided in Caldwell County, Kentucky; a John Dobbins or Dobyys, nephew of Mary McConnell, lived in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.]

[Veteran's widow was Pension at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]