Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abram McConnell R6643

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]
State of Virginia } SS

County of Washington } On this 25th day of Feby in the year 1856, Personally appeared in open Court James S. McConnell, Administrator, a resident of the State and County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in Order to obtain the bennefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed, June 7th 1832.

That his Father the said Abram McConnell resided in the County of Berkley [sic: Berkeley] in said State, and entered the army of the United States as a volunteer (probably in the year 1776 under the Command of Captain George Scott in the [blank] Regiment of [blank] Virginia troops [see endnote] that he was Honorably discharged, as his discharge herin enclosed will show, at Baskinridge [sic: Basking Ridge NJ] on the 1st day of April in the year 1777. that the Names of his Superior or Field Officers are unknown to him, that the sd Abram McConnell & Rosana his wife were married in the County of Berkley on the 3^d of May 1780, such being the family record. That he the said Abram died in Washington County on the 7th day of August 1830 – that his widow, Rosana McConnell, died in said County on the 8th day of May 1846. that the said Rosana at the time of her death left the following named children (Viz. Abram, James, Thomas & William dec'd. These are the only Children and Heirs at Law of Abram & Rosana McConnell deceased.

Baskingridge 1st Ap'l. 1777

This is to Certify that Abram McConnel a Soldier in my Company of Volunteers from Virginia have served out the term of his inlistment & is hereby Discharged from the Service — Geo. Scott Capt.

That the Bearer hereof Abraham McConnel has lived in this Congregation from his Infancy Soberly & inoffensively has been admitted to the distinguishing Privilege of having his Child Baptized & leaves in free from public scandal Church Censure or any thing that might expose him thereto known to us & may be received into any X'n [Christian] Society where God in his Providence Shall order his Lot in certified at Tuscarora this 18th Day of March 1783 by

With the Consent of Session Hugh Vance V.D.M.

I have been asked to state, whether I knew Abram McConnell Sr. deceased, father of Abram, Thomas and James McConnell of Washington county, Virginia and others. In answer to which I say yes – I knew Mr Abram McConnell the elder very well, from the time he came to the county until his death.

About the year 1793 when I was a boy going to a grammar school, Abram McConnell Sen'r. removed to the county of Washington from either the county of Berkley or Frederick and purchased and settled on the plantation, where he lived during the balance of his life. The school to which I was going was in his neighbourhood – I then became acquainted with him and Mrs. McConnell. After I reached manhood and engaged in public business and settled in Abingdon Mrs. McConnell a fine old lady became intimate in my family. I always considered Mr. McConnell a man of truth and great respectability although he indulged a good deal in habits of intemperance.

I have now no recollection of having any conversation with Mr. McConnell about the Revolutionary war and I do not think he would introduce such a conversation without some motive for it. and I know of none he would have had previous to his death. As I understand his discharge as a Revolutionary soldier is produced I would have no doubt at all that he was one. In addition to this, I may

add that Mr. McConnell came from the land of Revolutionary soldiers – The land where Charles Lee, [Horatio] Gates, [Daniel] Morgan, and Adam Stephen resided with many other distinguished men – and from which great numbers of soldiers were enlisted. Given under my hand this 25th day of December 1855

David Campbell

Abingdon April 4th 1856.

Com'r. of Pensions,

Dear Sir, At the request of the Administrator of Rosanah McConnell, now present, he desires me to say – in relation to the length of service performed by his Father, Abram, that he has often heard him say, he was called out as a vollunteer for twelve months, that the weather was warm when he started, and served on up to the date of his discharge, that he & Wm. Eakin (or Aikin) [possibly William Eakin, pension application S3184] were in the same mess, that Scott and John McCauly [possibly John McCauley, S7207], were in service in the same camp, – he desires me to say to your Honour, that If you can by the record in your office, ascertain, the length of service performed, he rests the claim on what you may be able to find, but that he certainly served longer than six months [the minimum required for a pension]

I am Dear Sir Very respectfully your Obt St. J. W. Stevens

NOTES:

A Capt. George Scott commanded a company in the Additional Continental Regiment of volunteers raised in Jan 1777 by Col. Charles Mynn Thruston from Frederick County VA.

Other documents in the file give the maiden name of Abram McConnell's wife as Rosanna Fryatt.