

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Bennett McKey: S38197

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State of Virginia. County Court of Westmoreland

On the 23 day of May in the year of 1818 came before the said Court, being a Court of Record, personally appeared in Open Court Bennett McKey aged about sixty one or two years, resident in the said County who being first sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following statement and declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by 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-

That in the year 1777 the last of September he was drafted in the county of Westmoreland to serve in the United States Army on Continental establishment for three years - and was marched by Capt. George Turbeville to Alexandria in said state, from thence to Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey [Washington's headquarters in winter of 1778-79] by a Sergeant where he joined the Army which he thinks was commanded by General [Charles] Scott, from thence to CharlesTown in South Carolina, and after being discharged from the drafted service he then enlisted under Capt Laurence Butler for during the war, under whose command he was marched to the northward - from thence he was again marched to Charleston and from thence under the command of Gen'l. Waine [sic: Anthony Wayne] to Richmond in Virginia where he was regularly discharged from the Army. That he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his country for support -

State of Virginia

Westmoreland County Towit.

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record agreeably to the Laws of the State of Virginia, Bennet McKey aged about sixty four years old resident in the County of Westmoreland in said State, who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath, declare That he served in the revolutionary war as follows, In the fifteenth Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colo Thomas Gaskins and in a company first commanded by Capt Boothe, and afterwards by Capt Laurence Butler That he was at the Seige of York and in North and South Carolina untill he was discharged which will more fully appear by Reference to the original declaration filed in the war office dated the Twenty third day of may 1818. An which pension certificate was granted the Thirty first day of July 1819. Number 13 415. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth 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 my self 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818. And that I have not, nor has any person for me in Trust, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule herto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

No real estate except about 7 acres poor land on it a small house

Occupation. a farmer. Rents Land for which he pays \$12 pr. year.

Infirm and not very able to pursue his Avocation

Personal Estate. 1 poor old Horse of little value. 4 head of Cattle. 1 Colt 2 years old

11 head of hoggs mostly small, household furniture worth \$20

Family

himself, Aged 64 years. 1 Child 12 years old. 1 other Child 10 years old

not able to support themselves                      Signed by Bennet McKey

NOTE: The 1820 federal census for Westmoreland County VA lists Bennet "McCoy" as a "Free Colored Person"