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Pennsylvania - Pittsburgh
Mary Mc Bride,
widow of Hugh Mc Bride.
Penⁿ
who served in the Revolutionary
war, as a Private

Admitted on the Roll at the rate
of 73 dollars 33
cents per annum, to commence
on the 3d February, 1853.

Certificate of Pension issued
4th day of October 1860
and sent to
J. A. Pugh,
Present

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners
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Oct. 22 1860.

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Mary Mc Bride
widow of
Hugh Mc Bride Sec
77549 Special Private
Capt. Peter S. Morrison
6th. Birmingham
Revolutionary War
Penn^a Milit
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as Secy of Pa. in that part
of Pa.
Daniel Downer Esq
Uniontown
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Special
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23 Jan 1858.

Mr Downer will call
at the office of the
Hon. Secy of the
War Department. There
is a claim for pension
pending in the office
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Ident. Downer
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Payable on PA

State of Pennsylvania

Shippensburg. On this the day of January 20,
1858 before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County of
Shippensburg, personally appeared Mary McBride aged
years a resident of said County of Shippensburg who
being duly sworn according to law says that she is the lawful
widow of Hugh McBride late a deceased soldier
of the Revolutionary and Indian war in the United
States service, that her said husband had long since re-
tired to her often conversing with his brother soldiers on the
subject of the said wars, that after serving a term of two months
under Capt. Cowen that he resided for the term of six
months in the Company, Commanded by Capt. Morrison of the
Front Line and in the Regt. Commanded by Col Cunningham
of Lancaster Co. Pa. that they was ordered to New Jersey
to Staten Island for some time also at Amboy from thence
to a point on Long Island & not long after which they was engaged
at the said battle of Long Island & as well as upon it recollects
that said husband stated that he was at the battle of the white
Plains and that after which their surviving troops retreated
through New Jersey thence to Philadelphia where they was
honorably discharged by their said Officers about the 12th of December
of said year, that he had shortly served under said Capt. Wood
and was first of Rank Company that he volunteered under
said Officers for two months, and was soon engaged in the
battle of Red Bank, that said McBride was in the battle of
Brimstone as he said he was one of the guards of the Hesperian, thus taken
at the said battle of Brimstone for nearly eight months, or until
they was engaged at the battle of Brandywine in September
1777 then under the Command of Col Walter Stewart

from Philadelphia (called the Irish Beauty) - Cannot
recollect of said McBride stated of being in the battle of Germantown,
but that he continued and was in all the encampments at and near
the Valley Forge until the month of June when he McBride was
engaged in the battle of Monmouth - that he stated that he had
been long sick after said battle, that he spoke of the battle of Clary
point, but she does not know of his saying that he was engaged in said
battle, but said he was at the battle of York Town, Virginia, at the surrender
in the fall of 1781 that he was then of Capt. Marshalls Company, that
said McBride stated that after the great surrender he was en-
gaged guarding the British Prisoners at the Lancaster Barracks
until about two years before the close of the said Revolutionary
war, that previous thereto said McBride stated that
he had been on or about two years in actual service in
said war in the Penn^a line, that he said that he was
honorably discharged by Col or Major Cunningham
an officer of the Prison at Lancaster near the middle of
November 1781. From thence he returned home & joined
the Army at Fort Pitt and served until 1783 & in the
Spring of 1790 served as follows, that in 1790 her said
Husband stated that he engaged for six months
at Fort Pitt in the Company, Commanded by Capt.
McCord & that as well as deponent can recollect
in the Regt. Commanded by Col late Major Wilkes
and also said in the Army Commanded by Major Gen^l Josiah
Warner, that they was ordered to Fort Washington
& from thence they soon was ordered out in the Indian
Country & had several skirmishes where they was
successful, but finally got very greatly defeated

and nearly half of said Army was reported lost
in their last battles and that the survivors returned
again to Penn^a & many of whom remained at
Fort Pitt of course where said McBride was honor-
ably discharged by his said Officers after having
served about six months, having published at said
Fort Pitt for six months. A deponent states the date
of said discharge was about or sometime in
December of said year. That her said Husband
and others of his brother soldiers engaged first as
volunteers in the Company, Commanded by Capt
McMair for six months in the Regt. Commanded
(thinks he said Col Wilkins, also mentioned of a
Col Fairhill and that the said volunteers
served on the frontier, far up and down the
Alleghany river and considerably at and
above Fort Pittaining & her said Husband menti-
oned of much fighting & skirmishing against
said Indians and that he also stated of guard-
ing Trains, Craigs Pass & Ferry passages & other
Stations & Blockhouses on and near said
river - that they were their provisions, ammuni-
tion & pay at said Fort Pitt, thus they continued
to serve in the said service until their term of six
months expired, she believes in September or
early in the fall of 1791 & honorably discharged
by their said Officers at or near Fort Pitt
of course. That said McBride stated that

he also served much as a hired substitute. That
sometimes or not long after said discharge her said
husband again engaged for six months longer
in the Company, commanded by Capt. Patterson and
served in similar tours as before except when
they was ordered on the well known Campaign
to Lake Erie, and at Fort Leboeuf, Casperwago, French
Creek & Fort Maudslowi for some time & had been
building & repairing Block-houses & Forts &c. until
one of the scouting parties was sent as an expedi-
ent to the Fort, that a large number of the Indians
warriors was on the their way down the said
Alleghany River, to Fort Pittwinning & directly
they was pursued by the Volunteers chosen out of
their three Companies (By of the said Capt. Patterson,
Capt. Bell and Capt. McMaire), who was served
on a forced March and arrived in time to hear the
Indians firing on the said Fort Pittwinning, when
a skirmish took place, when the said Indians
fled & some few killed & some wounded and the
said Soldiers took and kept possession of
said Fort and thus continued to serve in the
said service until their said term of six months
had expired when they was honorably dis-
charged by their said Officers, after their said
three Companies returned and arrived at said
Fort Pitt. That he often stated of serving as a
substitute for a James Davis & some

Others which she can't recollect, but the same
as reported in her former petition for State Service
that her said husband & some of his brother
Soldiers enlisted for the term of three years
at said Fort Pitt in the Company, commanded
by Capt. Sparks from said County in the
Month of April 1793, as her said husband
stated it was a little before Gen. Wayne's
Army left their encampment at Logansville in
the Army boats destined for Fort Washington when
her said husband was ordered on guard also
guarding the Army stores & until the said Army
marched off on the Northern Campaign, on Gen.
Wayne's and Gen. St. Clair's trail to Fort Greenwell
and also stated that he continued in the said service
and was in some skirmishes and was also engaged in
the last and general Battle of August 1794, & that
he was honorably discharged by Col. Butler &
said Capt. Sparks after the general treaty at said
Greenwell in the Month of August 1795 & returned
again to Fort Pitt. Your Report further declares
that her said husband was in actual service
longer than fourteen days, and for respective
terms of service as aforesaid as represented
to her by her said husband in his lifetime.
That she has already made a full and detailed
statement of her said husband's said service
which is now on file in the Pension Office at

Washington City in support of her claim to a pension. Also Proof filed in support of the same which said declaration and said Proof she respectfully asks to be received in support of this her Claim for Bounty Land in right of the said Service, of her said husband. Your Depoent further states that she is years of age and that she was Married to the said Hugh McBride on the day of A.D. 1827 in Fayette County State of Penn^a by one Enock Abraham a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, of Fayette and that her name before said Marriage was Mary Baker that her said Husband Hugh McBride died on the day of A.D. 1836 and that she is now a Widow, and has continued a Widow unmarried ever since the death of the said Hugh McBride, and is still a Widow - that for said Marriage and death of her said Husband she refers to Proof on file as aforesaid in support of her said application for a Pension - that there is no public private or family Record of her said Marriage with Hugh M. Bride in existence to her knowledge and belief that your Depoent has no Documentary evidence in support of this her Claim - that she further hereby appoints

Daniel Downer her Attorney and authorizes him to receive the Certificate or Warrant for Bounty Land which may be issued to her in right of the services aforesaid of her said Husband and to attend to and procure the Settlement of such business as Depoent may have with the United States both for Pension and Bounty Land in any Office or Department of the same and to receive all Certificates of Pension and Bounty Land, and to receive and receipt for all sums of Money that may be found due Depoent, upon any account or claim now unsettled hereby revoking all power authority given to any former Agent or Atty. That she makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1855 and she further declares that she has not received Bounty Land under this or any other Act of Congress, but that an application heretofore might have been made in my behalf through the Agency of William D Wells Esq. but no Certificate or Warrant issued by virtue of said application if one made to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mary ^{Em} McBride
mark

We Benjamin Boyden and Elizabeth Clements residents of Fayette County State of Pennsylvania upon

our oaths declare that that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Mary McBride in our presence; and that we believe, from the appearance and statements of the applicant, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and is still a widow. - that they have been well acquainted with the said Mary McBride ~~and the~~ ^{and} the reported death of her husband, the said Hugh McBride and that the said Mary has continued unmarried and a widow ever since the death of the said Hugh McBride and is still a widow.

That the aunts are altogether disinherited.

Benjamin Ferguson
Elizabeth Clement

The foregoing declaration and Affidavit were sworn to & subscribed before me on the day and year above written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant is the person she represents herself to be, and is still a widow, and that I have no interest in this claim and further that Mary McBride who makes the foregoing declaration has this day personally appeared before me and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney contained in said declaration to be her act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned

Abraham Hayden J.P. 1857

Pennsylvania Fayette County, SS.

J. B. Seaight Prothonotary, of the Court
Common Pleas in and for said County, do hereby certify that

Abraham Hayden Esquire,
before whom the foregoing Declaration, Affidavit
and acknowledgment

appear to have been made, was at the date thereof and was
an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said County duly commis-
sioned and qualified, and that the signature thereto purporting to be his is genuine. ^{That he}
In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal of the said Court, at Uniontown
this thirteenth day of January A. D. 1857

J. B. Seaight Prothonotary.

State of Pennsylvania

Sanette County p. On this the 3^d day of
March A.D. 1857 personally appeared before
the Court of Common Pleas in Open Court of said
County of Sanette Mary McBride a Resident of
said County of who being duly sworn according to
law says that she is the lawful Widow of Hugh
McBride late a deceased Soldier of the Revolutionary
and Indian War that her said Husband had
long since stated when often conversing with his
brother soldiers on the subject of the said wars that
after serving a tour of two months under Cap. Cane
that he enlisted for the term of six months in the Com-
pany Commanded by Capt. Morrison of the Pennsylvania
and in the Regt. Commanded by Col. Cunningham and
of Lancaster Co. Pa. that they was ordered to New
Jersey to Staten Island for some time & also at
Amboy from thence to a new Fort on Long Island
& not long after which they was engaged at the said
battle of Long Island & as well as Deppant recollects
that said Husband stated that he was at the battle
of the White Plains, and that after which their sur-
viving troops retreated through New Jersey thence to
Philadelphia where they was honorably discharged by their
said Officers about the 13th of December of said year.
That he had mostly served under Capt. ^{and was}
first of Capt. Cane's Company that he volunteered under
said Officers for two months and was soon engaged in the
battle of Trenton - Cant state of said McBride was in
the battle of Princeton as he said he was one of the guards
of the Hessians thus taken at the said battle of Trenton for
nearly eight months or until they was engaged at the battle
of Brandywine in Sept. 1777 then under the Command of a
Col. Walter Stewart from Philadelphia (called the British Beauties)
- cannot recollect of said McBride stated of being in the

battle of Germantown but that he continued and was in all the campaigns
fronted at and near the latter Town until the month of June when he
McBride was engaged in the battle of Monmouth that he stated he had
been long sick after said battle that he spoke of the battle of Stony
Point but she must know of his saying that he was engaged in
said battle but said he was at the battle of Red Bank Virginia but the per-
son in the fall of 1781 that he was then of Capt. Marshall's Company that
said McBride stated that after the great surrender he was engaged guarding
the British Prisoners at the Lancaster Barracks until about two years before
the close of the said revolutionary war that previous thereto said McBride
stated that he had been on or about two years in actual service in said war
in the Penna. line that he said that he was honorably discharged by Col. or Maj.
Cunningham an officer of the garrison at Lancaster near the middle of
November 1781 from thence he returned home joined the Army at Fort
Pitt and served until 1783 & in the spring of 1779 served as follows that
in 1790 her said husband stated that he engaged for six months at
Fort in the Company Commanded by Capt. McCord & that as well as de-
ppant can recollect in the Regt. Commanded by Col. late Major Willis, and
also said in the Army Commanded by Major Genl. Josiah Hamer and that
they was ordered to Fort Mifflin & from thence they soon was order-
ed out in the Indian Country & had several skirmishes where they was
successful but finally got very greatly defeated & nearly half of said
Army was reported lost in their last battle & that the survivors returned
again to Penna. & many of whom remained at said Fort Pitt where
said McBride was honorably discharged by his said Officers after
having served about six months having enlisted for six months
at Fort Pitt, Deppant states that the date of said discharge was about or
sometime in December of said year that her said husband & others
of his brother soldiers engaged first as volunteers in the Company Commanded
by Captain McMain for six months in the Regiment Commanded (thinks
he said Col. Wilkins, also mentioned of a Col. Sawhill and that the
said volunteers served on the frontier far up and down the Alleghany
river and considerably at and about Fort Pitt having & her said husband men-
tioned of much hunting & skirmishing against said Indians and that he also
stated of guarding Gunns, Carriages & other stations &

Blockhaus on & near said river. that they saw their provisions diminished & pay at
said Fort Pitt, thus they continued to serve in the said service until their term of six
months expired, the latter in September or early in the fall of 1798, honorably
discharged by their said Officers at or near Fort Pitt aforesaid. That said McKinnis
stated that he also served, much as a hired substitute, that sometime or
not long after said discharge her said husband again engaged for six months
longer in the Army, Commanded by Capt. Patterson & served in similar
terms as before except when they was ordered on the well known Campa-
ign to Lake Erie, and at Fort LeBoeuf (Capewage, French Creek & Fort
Franklin) from time to time has been building & repairing Blockhouses &
And he will be on the scouting parties was sent as an express to the fort, that a large
number of the Indian Garrison was on their way down the said Allegheny River to Fort
Mifflin & directly they was pursued by the volunteers chosen out of their three
Companies by the said Capt. Patterson, Capt. Bell, and Capt. M'Nair, who was
soon ordered March, and arrived in time to hear the Indians firing on
the said Fort M'Nair, when a skirmish took place when the said
Indians fled & some killed & some wounded and the said soldier
took and kept possession of said Fort, and thus continued to serve
in the said service until their said term of six months had expired
when they was honorably discharged by their said Officers, after their said
three Companies returned and arrived at said Fort Pitt. That he
often stated of serving as substitute for ex. James Davis & some
others which she cant recollect. That her said husband
& some of his brother soldiers enlisted for the term of three years
at said Fort Pitt in the Army, Commanded by Capt. Sparks from
said County in the month of April 1793, as her said husband stated
it was a little before Genl. Wayne's Army left their encampment at
Legionville in the Army that destined for Fort Washington when
her said husband was ordered on guard also regarding the
Army slow, & until the said Army Marched off on
the Northern Campaign, on Van Komas and said
Fair trail to Fort Mifflin, and also stated that he
continued in the said service, and was in some
skirmishes and was also engaged in the last &
general Battle of August 1796 & that he was

honorably discharged by Col. Butler & said Capt. Sparks
after the general treaty of said Greenville in the month
of August 1795 & returned again to Fort Pitt,
Your Deponent further declares that she is Fifty five
years of age and that she was married to the said
Hugh McKinnis on the day of ^{Nov. 1827}
that her husband the said Hugh McKinnis died
on the day of ^{Nov. 1836} and that she
is now a widow and has continued a widow un-
til now ever since the death of the said Hugh McKinnis
- that she was married to the said Hugh McKinnis
at the time aforesaid, by one Emory Shams a Justice of the
peace in said County, and that her name before her said
marriage was Mary Baker that there is no public or
private or family record of her said marriage with
Hugh McKinnis in existence to her knowledge and
belief. - that your Deponent has no documentary
evidence in support of her claim - nor has she any other
evidence of her husband's said service than that which is
herewith attached - That she is poor and stands in need
of aid.
That she makes this declaration for the purpose of
obtaining from the United States, under act & acts of Con-
gress in such laws made and provided a Pension in right
of the service aforesaid of her said husband. - And also such
Pension or Pensions as may have been and be due
to the term of his death and now due her as widow of
said deceased. ^{her M'Kinnis}
Mary McKinnis
I have Subscribed
in open Court
March 3 1857
D. J. Gallaway
Protho

Fry WIDOW, &c.

File No.

9574

Mary M. Brides

Wid.

Hugh M. Brides

But. Civil War

Act:

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

77579

160 Acres

No. 6719.

Wm. H. Bond

Wm. H. Bond

Pa.

1857
Same, July 25, 1857

Same, Aug. 11/57

Same, Aug. 21/57

Same, Aug. 21/57

Same, Aug. 21/57

act Feb. 3, 57

Let. H. G. Graham, Aug. 1857
L. A. Pengel, 1857

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Mary McWade,

wid. of Bluff, ad.

Wagon Co. Pa.

about Oct Feb 3, 53.

at the rate of \$73.33.

to commence Feb 3, 1853.

22 months future -

and assigned to

L. A. Pengel

Per

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Union Savin Penn^a July 27/57.
To Com^{rs} of Pensions
Sir

Enclosed you will
find additional evidence in
support of the claim of
Mary McBride widow
of Hugh McBride for
pension due her in right of
the Revolutionary services
of her said husband.
Her said husband never
drew a pension in his life-
time. Therefore claims the
pension which might have
been drawn by him in his
life time, and also Pension
due her as widow. I enclose
a letter from Com^{rs} of Pensions

dated April 27th 1857 upon
the subject of this claim,
and send you enclosed
proof taken several years
ago which clearly shows
the service rendered by
the said Hugh McBride.
Please give the case attention.

Yours obly^g Servant
Daniel Downer

Henry M'Pride - married to Heph M'Pride. in 1827

No. 1836

Identity of widow, & date of her bond proved by several witnesses.

Length of service claimed by widow in Rev. war as
under Capt. Cook - 2 months - Probat. dated 1797
Capt. Morrison - 6 months - Probat. engaged in several battles, & A.C. 1814.
Carron's Regt - 40 days 1781. & a number of expeditions to the battle
of Red Bank 1783. at Fort Mifflin.
Respectable witnesses, speaking from their own knowledge, prove service
of widow in 1781. & Oct. 1781. attending in her company from Nov. 81.
& Nov. 82. - or 22 months, then being
Pension granted & paid by the Civil Act of 1830, as widow of
Rev. soldier, according to laws of uniting ¹⁸³⁰ ¹⁸³⁰ on of which region
service of at least 12 months. - Copies of the full list of affidavits of
witnesses, or other persons who are granted, filed with papers, proving 22 months
service.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

OFFICE OF THE
~~SECRETARY OF THE~~
~~COMMONWEALTH~~

Harrisburg, Pa. Dec. 2^d 1857

Daniel Swanner Esq
Dear Sir,

Your communication relative to the Service of
Hugh M'Pride in the Revolutionary
War was duly received at this Dept.,
but owing to the amount of business
on my Desk, and the time necessary
to make a thorough examination of the
Records connected with Revolutionary
Service I have not been able to give
you communication an earlier answer.
You have now to say that after a
careful examination of the Revolutionary
papers on file in this Dept., I have
failed entirely to find the name of
Hugh M'Pride upon any of them.

This I exceedingly regret as the Dept. is
always anxious to furnish this kind of
information particularly to the Widow
of an old Revolutionary Soldier.

The Auditor
General's office at this place containing
many of the papers connected with that
War, by advancing the office of
this Dept., you may possibly get
some evidence of the Service of
though not made.

Very Respectfully Yours
R. S. Slaughter
Acty Secy.

Uniontown Penn. July 29/57
Com. of Pension
Hon. Secy.

Your letter
of July 15th 1857 requiring Sec-
ond Proof to be sought after
at Harrisburg in the case of
Mary M. Brite widow of Hugh
M. Brite in right of the Revolu-
tionary services of her said
husband cannot duly be heard
since you will find
additional evidence show-
ing that Second evidence
in this case has been soug-
ht after but have failed
to obtain it as you will
observe from said picture
Abundant evidence might

be produced of Hugh McBride
being reputed and regarded
as a Revolutionary Soldier
in the neighbourhood in which
he lived, but such proof we
thought unnecessary, as there
is now on file the testimony
of two respectable and
Credible witnesses as to
his Revolutionary Services.
Showing said Services to
have been rendered. - test-
imony which is difficult
to procure at this late day
on account of the rapid
decrease of the survivors
of the Revolutionary
Army.

Permit me to say
that the claimant is poor,
and by granting this

claim, if consistent with
your sense of duty, you
will have administered to
the comfort and happiness
of an old and meritorious
Lady now in her declining
years. The applicant respect-
fully asks a further
examination of her said
claim hoping it may
arrive at your hands a
favorable consideration.

Yours very respectfully,
Daniel Downer
Atty. for claimant

Union from Penn Sept 27/57
Hon Com of Pensions

Sir

Your letter dated Aug 24th 1857 in regard to the case of Mary M Bride widow of Abner M Bride a Revolutionary Soldier your pension case duly to hand and in reply have to state that the same evidence which placed her on the pension roll of the State of Penn^a is now before you. Enclosed you will find an Act of Assembly which I presume will show the principle upon which the State of Penn^a stands in regard to granting Pensions - that is the half pay principle. In special act for

The relief of Revolutionary soldiers and their widows it has been the custom of the Legislature of Penn^a to grant an Annuity of Forty Dollars during life & gratuity for the highest term of service as may be seen by reference to Pamphlet Law. I do not know of any thing at Harrisburg which may throw light on the point suggested in your letter. The Applicant therefore rests her case upon the services as proven by Mrs Bride Wholey and James McDowell with full confidence that in adjusting her allowance you will grant to her an aged relic of a Son of Liberty the full amount to which

she may be entitled under
the willence

Yours very Respectfully
Daniel Downer
Claimants Atty.

Washington City Aug 28/58

J W Whiting

Dear Sir

In consequence of
the meeting of Congress I will not be
able to be personally present to day
at the examination of the claims of
Mary McDonald widow of Hugh for
Pension and Bounty Land but
avail myself of this method of
making a few suggestions. Any
Statement which may be made
by Mr Downer her Atty in reference
to these claims may be regarded by
you as altogether reliable.

I have
examined a copy of the Proof on
file in support of the said widows
claim for a Pension and am well
satisfied that the testimony of Mr
James McDonald indicates actual

service in the Revolutionary war at least from the month of December 1781 until the close of the Revolutionary war. The testimony of Mr. Jacob Whoolery in my opinion corroborates the testimony of Mr. McDonald in regard to said service. Taking this testimony in conjunction with the fact that a gratuity and annuity were granted to him by act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania I think these claims well founded. - Expeditions of this kind will be required in cases of this kind where time and death have rendered it almost impossible to obtain personal testimony of services rendered in the Revolutionary war.

Believing these claims to be just and equitable I hope they may receive at your hands a favorable consideration.

Yours very respectfully
Wm. H. Hunt

No. 642.

AN ACT

Relative to State Roads in Greene County.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That so much of any law of Pennsylvania as prevents the courts of quarter sessions from appointing viewiers to vacate or change the location of part of any road laid out by act of Assembly, previous to their being opened for travel, is hereby repealed so far as the same applies to Greene county.

E. B. CHASE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
M. MCASLIN,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 643.

AN ACT

Authorizing the Auditor General to examine the account of J. Donaldson.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Auditor General, and he is hereby authorized to examine the claim of J. Donaldson, now or residing in Greene county, late contractor on the Tunkhannock division of the Pennsylvania canal, and report the facts thereof at his earliest convenience to the Legislature, specifying the amount due, if any thing.

E. B. CHASE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
M. MCASLIN,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 644.

AN ACT

For the relief of Elsie Fox, Mary M'Bride, Phebe Brown, Lydia Black, Martha Patterson and Thomas Holliday, widows of soldiers and soldiers of the Revolutionary and Indian wars.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the State Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and required to pay Elsie Fox and Lydia Black, of Greene county, Mary M'Bride and Phebe Brown, of Fayette county, and Martha Patterson, of Lawrence county, widows of soldiers of the Revolutionary war, an annuity of forty dollars each, during life, to be paid half yearly, commencing on the first day of July, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and a gratuity of forty dollars to each, as provided for in existing laws.

SECTION 2. That the State Treasurer is hereby required to pay Thomas Holliday, or his order, a gratuity of forty dollars in addition to the annuity authorized by act of the present session of the Legislature.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. McCASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 645.

AN ACT

Legislating the selling of produce in the Canal basin in the city of Pittsburgh.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That from and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful for any person bringing any produce, marketing, manufactures or other articles down the Pennsylvania canal in any market boat, flat or other craft into that portion of the canal lying within the city of Pittsburgh, commonly known as the canal basin, to sell or otherwise dispose of the same at said basin: *Provided,* That no portion of this act shall be so construed as to allow huckstering

CHAPTER 365B.

1813.

An act for the relief of disabled, aged, and poor revolutionary officers and soldiers.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That Board instituted to ascertain the actual service of such officers and soldiers as shall apply for the benefit of this act, either by themselves or their lawful attorney, and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of said board, that any applicant has served in the Pennsylvania line during the revolutionary war, or until he was regularly discharged, and from age, bodily infirmity, or other causes, is unable to earn a living, and that he is not possessed of property sufficient to maintain him, and has not heretofore been placed on the pension list of this state, nor shall, at the time of making such application as aforesaid, receive from the United States an annuity, in their opinion sufficiently comfortable, it shall be their duty, and they are hereby authorized and required to place his name on the pension book, opened by them in their offices respectively, allowing to each applicant so as aforesaid entitled to an annuity, if a non-commissioned officer or soldier at their discretion a sum not exceeding the half pay of such non-commissioned officer or soldier; and if a commissioned or staff officer, a sum not exceeding the one-fourth of such commissioned or staff officers pay, according to the rank held by him at the time of his leaving the service, to continue during life, payable half yearly, and also an additional sum, equal to one year's annuity, to be paid at the time of making the decree.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That each officer and soldier, placed on the pension books under the provisions of the act, entitled, "An act constituting a tribunal to relieve the distressed of the disabled, or infirm and poor revolutionary officers and soldiers, who served in the Pennsylvania line," passed March thirty-first, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, shall be entitled to receive a sum of money equal to one year's annuity, immediately after the passing of this act, over and above the annuity he is to receive by virtue of the decree of the court appointed under the act aforesaid.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if it shall appear to the board aforesaid, to be necessary, they shall recommend to the Orphans' Court of the county within which board to recommend any such officer or soldier shall reside, whose duty it shall be to appoint some suitable person to be his guardian, removable at any time by said court, and it shall be the duty of such guardian to draw the annuity from the treasury, and apply the same in procuring diet and clothing for such officer or soldier, and render an account of said expenditure to said court annually, on oath or affirmation, who are hereby authorized and required to settle and adjust the same without fees, to the said court or to the officers thereof.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the act, entitled, "An act constituting a tribunal to relieve the rege-

1815. distresses of disabled, or infirm and poor revolutionary officers and soldiers, who served in the Pennsylvania line," passed March thirty-first, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, be and the same is hereby repealed. (1)

Passed 25th February, 1812.—Recorded in Law Book No. XIII. p. 360.

(1) By a supplement, (ch. 3824,) any officer or soldier who has served during the revolutionary war, one year in the Pennsylvania line, and who by age, infirmity or other causes, is unable to maintain himself, to be placed on the pension list. Pensioners to make oath of having been honourably discharged. Widows and children of officers and soldiers who died in the service of the state, during the late war, entitled to the benefit of the act, vol. 2, p. 537, (see ch. 6966.)

CHAPTER 3660.

An act to incorporate the trustees of Hugheesian Free School, in Buckingham township, Bucks county.

SECT. 1. [INCORPORATED by the style of "The Trustees and Directors of the Hugheesian Free School," with the usual corporate powers. Land devised by Amos Anstin Hughees not to be aliened. 2. To have a common seal. 3. Provision for supplying vacancies. Trustees to be elected by the qualified electors. Not to exceed twelve. Qualifications as directed by the will of Amos A. Hughees. Seven to be a quorum. One to be annually chosen President. 4. Trustees may elect such officers as they think necessary. To make by-laws, &c. not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of the United States or of this commonwealth. 5. May erect suitable buildings. Interest of funds to be employed in teaching poor children of the township of Buckingham, the essential branches of an English education, and in boarding and clothing, such as the trustees may think proper. Children of the blood kindred, of the testator, to be allowed the benefits of the institution. 6. Three directors to be appointed by the trustees from their own number. Rotation in their office. 7. Directors to employ teachers. To visit the school, and report to the trustees annually. 8. By-laws, &c. to be entered, &c. No misnomer to defeat any grant to the corporation, provided the intention be clear. Nonuser of their privileges not to work a forfeiture. 9. [Obsolete.]

Passed 25th February, 1812.—Recorded in Law Book No. XIII. p. 366.

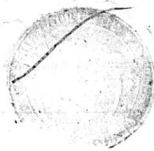
CHAPTER 3665.

A supplement to an act, granting arbitrations.

[Vol. 5, p. 151.]

SECT. 1. BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That for trial, not where a suit or action has been or hereafter shall be marked for trial, at any court, such suit or action shall not be referred, (except by consent of parties,) within thirty days before, nor during the sitting of the court.

Pennsylvania. Fayette County, SS.



I *R. J. Gallenby* Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, do hereby certify that

before whom the foregoing *Thomas Acklew* Esquire, *declaration & affidavits*

appears to have been made, was at the date thereof

an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said County duly commissioned and qualified, and that the signature thereto purporting to be his is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal of the said Court, at Uniontown, this 23rd day of *June* A.D. 1857

R. J. Gallenby Prothonotary.

I do hereby Certify that J Thomas Schlin before
whom the foregoing declaration and affidavits
were taken have no interest in the result of the
above Case and are not concerned in its pro-
secution.

Thomas Schlin

Uniontown, Pa. May 7, 1860.

Am. Geo. Whiting
Att. of Pleas.

Dear Sir:-

You will please recognize
A. G. Graham, Esq. who will present this letter as a
Counselor, & assist in the prosecution of the Rev. Case
of Mary M. Spivey, widow of Joseph, whom I have authorized
to take such further steps as may seem to him
that he may see proper.

I am Resp.
Yr. Obedt. Servant
D. W. Downer

Union Town Penn^a August 19th /57
Ho Com of Pensions

Enclosed you will find the
private Act in favor of Mary McBride widow
of Hugh McBride a revolutionary soldier
taken from the Pamphlet Laws of Pennsylv^a
passed during the Session of 1854,
as required by your letter of August 15th 1857
in support of the Pension Claim of the said
Mary in right of the Revolutionary Services
of her said husband. If the Book
containing the Laws of Pennsylvania
passed at the Session of 1854, be required
Please inform me and it will be immu-
diately sent.

Yours very Respectfully,
Daniel Downer
Atty for Claimant.

Uniontown
Tazette Co, Pa. 15th Sept.

Dear Sir

I understand you process
pension claims. I will thank you
to enter my claim to pension for the
revolutionary services. My husband
served several years in the revolution-
ary army, and I wish you to attend to
it for me before the pension de-
partments and get my claims for me
working as usual. I am very Respectfully
Yours &c.

Mary M C Downer
mark

P.S. you can come see me
where you get the claims allowed
as my claim is a just one.

Pension Office,
Oct: 2, 1860.

Sir,

The enclosed letter of Mrs. Mary
M^o Bude, appointing you (as it is presumed)
her attorney to prosecute her claim to pension is
herewith returned. It does not appear to be addressed
to any one, and it is necessary that her signature
should be proved, and certified to be her act, before
a magistrate.

Very respectfully,
Wm. A. Pugh
Commissioner.

L. A. Pugh, Esq,
Present. }

May A. Pugh: R. M. Linn.
P. M. C. Co. and S. H. S.

certified of

Hon. Dan. C. Slinger,
S. M. C. Co. and S. H. S.

Hon. J. M. Stuart,
S. M. C. Co. and S. H. S.



Filed by
J. A. Pugh
Jonah S. Slinger

1860
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Lancaster

July 26th 1860

This is to certify that I have long known Mary
Mc Donnell widow of Hugh Mc Donnell who is now
an applicant for a pension on account of the
hazardous services of her husband Mc Donnell
she has long been a resident of Fayette Co
Tenn and if the services of Mc Donnell can be
properly authenticated, I believe she is a proper
subject for her country's bounty

I know James Mc Donnell well and for
many years I would have very confidently in
my statement made by him, but the
fact that my acquaintance was very limited, and
leaves his credibility to testify by others

David Hays con

July 21st 1860. I fully concur with Mr. Hays
in the statement made above as to the credibility
of James Mc Donnell with whom I ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~was~~
acquainted for many years previous to his death, and
further certify that I have been long acquainted with David
Whoolery previous to his death and know that he is a res-
pectable and credible witness.

Arthur East

Auditor General's Office,

Lansburg, Pa., Sept. 25 1857

Daniel Downer, Esq. Dear Sir,

A careful
examination of the Rev. Rolls in this office
has been made for the name of Hugh Mc Donnell
but it does not appear upon the same.

There is a number of Rev. Rolls on file in
the "Secretary of State's" office by writing to that
office you may procure some evidence of James,

Respectfully yr.
Barthl. W. Blaw for
Jacob Key Sr.
Aud. Genl.

Brief in the case of *Mary M. Brice, widow of Hugh M. Brice ad.*
Forfeited County and State of *Pennsylvania*
ad. act Feb. 3^d 1853.

Claim, ("original" or "for increase.")

Proof exhibited, (if original.)

Is it documentary, traditional, or supported by rolls? If either, state the substance.

Claimant's husband serv^d in Pennsylvania Militia 22 months, as proved by two certificates, endorsed by a special act granting her an annuity in 1857. Marriages in 1816. Death of husband in 1836. Her identity & widowhood satisfactorily proved by the following.

Allowed for 22 months, at the rate of \$72.33, to commence at 3^d Feb'y 1853.
(If for increase.)

Has additional evidence been filed since the admission of the claim? If so, what?

L. A. Pugh
Name and residence of Agent

H. H. Woodley
Examining Clerk.

House of Representatives
March 15, 1858.

Dear Sir

They leave to enquire, what disposition if any has been made of the case, of Mary M. Brice, widow of Hugh M. Brice, a revolutionary soldier, filed by Daniel Downer, of Bucks County Pa. and the reason, if any, why the same remains undecided.

Yours the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yours

Sherrard Omond

P. S. To guard against errors hereafter, please note in the case of Sparks (this day papers mailed to you), that the same was submitted to me, by said Downer, of the as aforesaid.

Union Town Penna (Nov. 10/57.)
To Com of Pensions

For
Mary McBride widow of
Hugh McBride applicant for Pension in
right of the Revolutionary Services of her
said Husband seems to think that an app-
lication was made by her said Husband in
his lifetime for a pension which was not
prosecuted to a final termination before
his death. Please examine and perhaps
Proof may be found on file to meet the
difficulty as to the length of Service sugges-
ted in your letter of the 29th of August 1857
in this case. Mrs McBride is not positive
certain that such application was made
but would be pleased if an examination be
made so that she may have the advantage
of any Proof which may have been furn-
ished in her Husbands application, if any
made.

Yours Very Respectfully
Daniel Downes
Att'y for Applicant

Am: Gen: C. Whaley,
Com: of Pensions, U.S.C.

Jacobson Term, Aug: 1860.

Here with I forward you a copy of
Am: Gen: Sturgeon (whose U.S. Senate from Penna for 4 years,
and during the Penna. Army offl. Genl. at Phila.) and a copy of
of Am: Gen: Stovel, (who as a Genl. for 15 to 20 years) certifying
as to the respectability of Mrs. Mary M. McBride, of Frys, Co. Penna, an
applicant for a Rev. Pen. under the act of Feb: 1851, and to the credi-
bility of Mr. Donald A. Whaley, the witness in the claim.

If it is admitted that these two witnesses are credible, (and you can
have no objection to this if the certificates of Marshall and Stone
are worthy of credit, you cannot resist the allowance of this claim.

Mr. Donald appears to state

"That he personally knew that they both (Mr. M. Donald &
" Joseph M. (Pike) engaged in the purchase & winter season at Phila.
" Pitt, in Dec: 1781, under Capt. Smith & Col. Dickinson's Regt. and
" served their useful term and a certificate to Nov: 1783" (as Mrs.)
Whaley states that

"Mr. Pike served 22 months, as certified by Capt. P. Long
" at the last of Nov: 1781."

Reside these positive and direct statements, the witnesses give
a long narrative of facts, &c, all of which do to show that
they have a hard as possible knowledge about the things of
which they testify. Confessing these statements, with the
certificates enclosed making for their credit & ability, and I

next see how you can assist the conclusion that this sister, who
is recognized as a Pensioner for Revolutionary services by the state
of Pennsylvania, and to whom you allowed Comptroler and General
aid, is entitled to a pension under said act for 12 months
under the late husband in the Revolutionary War. You can
assist this conclusion by saying of the proof adduced - like
a home-jackey spoken of by Solomon in Proverbs - "is sought; his
sights are the gates may straighten, and beauteous," I claim a
fair and faithful consideration of the proof in this case; and I
am sure you cannot do ill to it.

Some you may object to the claim of Margaretta, wife of David
Kaschick, and it was referred to the committee, by your office. In
this case there is the testimony of one witness who purports to
be a witness, and from the facts about which he testified there is
the corroborative proof, and no appeal to the Sup. of the Tribunal,
the claim is allowed. This is a good precedent for this case - and the
only sustained by the interferer, a father; the case should be de-
cided.

The mode in which I come across this claim is this: Some
time of Feb. 1840, Pa. and in connection with Mr. Donaghy, a claimant
with Thomas Donaghy, he spoke of this case, and reported and
I assume it, when at D.C. I did so, and considering it was a good
one, and fully sustained, as I thought, I do not, with the modes
herein enclosed, that the claim be again taken up, the papers care-
fully examined, the right given to the proof, and (as I think you
will so conclude) the claim allowed.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours truly,
J. G. Thompson

Chapter 3658.

Copy, from the laws of Penn^a.

Vol. 5, page 27, passed 25 July 1845.

An act for the relief of those called, aged and poor
Revolutionary officers & soldiers.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-
sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
in general assembly met and it is hereby enacted by the
of the same: That the Secretary of the Commonwealth,
Auditor General and state treasurer or any two of
them be and they are hereby constituted and created
into a board of inquiry to ascertain the actual service
of such officers & soldiers as shall apply for the benefit
of this act, either by themselves or their lawful attorney
and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of said board that
any applicant has served for the Pennsylvania line
during the Revolutionary War, or until he was regularly
discharged, and from age, bodily infirmity or other
causes is unable to earn a living, and that he is not
the possessor of property sufficient to maintain him, and
has not heretofore been placed on the pension list of this
state, may shall at the time of making such application
as aforesaid, receive from the United States our assistance
in their opinion sufficiently comfortable, & shall be
their duty, and they are hereby ~~empowered~~ authorized and required
to place his name on the Pension book opened by
them in their offices respectively, allowing each applicant
so as aforesaid entitled to our assistance if a more amount
appear as soldier at their discharge a sum as aforesaid
being the half pay of such non-commissioned officer or soldier
and of a commissioned or staff officer a sum as aforesaid
being the one fourth of such commissioned or staff officer

These copies go to be taken by me from the
Library of the State Dep^t & send in this City.

S. J. Bayne

pay, according to the rank held by him at the
time of his leaving the service to continue during
his regular half yearly and also an additional sum
equal to one years annuity to be paid at the time of
making the issue.

Sec 2. and he is further enacted by the authority
aforesaid. That each officer or soldier placed on the
pension books under the provision of the act aforesaid
shall be entitled to receive the amount of the
distresses of the disabled or injured or poor notwithstanding
officers and soldiers who served in the Pennsylvania
line, "pepper March thirty first, one thousand eight hundred
and twelve, shall be entitled to receive a sum
money equal to one years annuity immediately
after the passing of this act and above the annuity
he is to receive by virtue of the decree of the Court
appointed under the act aforesaid.

Sec 5. And he is further enacted by the authority
aforesaid. That if it shall appear to the board aforesaid
to be necessary, they shall recommend to the Orphan's
Court of the County within which any such officer
or soldier shall reside, whose duty it shall be to
appoint some suitable person to be his guardian, remain-
able at any time by said Court and it shall be the duty
of such guardian to draw the annuity from the
treasury and apply the same in providing diet and
clothing for such officer or soldier and render an
account of said expenditure to said Court annually

on oath or affirmation, who are being authorized
and empowered to settle and adjust the same with respect
to the said land or to the officers thereby.

Sec 8. And he is further enacted by the authority
aforesaid that the act, "entitled an act constituting a
tribunal to relieve the distressed or disabled or injured
and poor revolutionary officers and soldiers who
served in the Pennsylvania line" passed March
thirty first, one thousand eight hundred and twelve
by and the same is hereby repealed.
passed 25th Feby. 1813. Recarab in Law Book to XIII. p 360

Chapter 3825.

It is supplemental to the act entitled "An act for the
relief of disabled and poor revolutionary officers and sol-
diers" passed the twenty fifth day of February, one thousand
eight hundred and twelve

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Law of Pa.

Sec 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of
Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by
the authority of the same. That in all cases where
any officer or soldier of the Revolutionary War and
shall have served one year or more in the Pennsylv-
ania line, and from age, bodily infirmity, or other causes is
unable to earn a living, or was rendered unfit for service
by wounds or other casualty, and who does not possess
property sufficient to maintain him, the board of
inquiry shall place such officer or soldier on the pen-
sion list, and such officer or soldier shall be entitled

to all and singular the members of the act to which this is a supplement; provided that before any new compound officer or soldier is placed on the said pension list he shall produce satisfactory evidence or take an oath or affirmation before a judge or justice of the Peace of the proper County or before the board established by the act to which this is a supplement that he was honorably discharged from service the service of this state or of the United States, and the judge or justice shall transmit a certified copy of the same to the auditor general.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said board may, within one year after having made any decree under this act or the act to which this is a supplement, amend and modify any decisions thereof, provided that no pension decreed by said board shall be so amended and limited by the act to which this is supplementary.

paper 7th February 1844. Received in law Book

No. XIV p. 173.

No. 644

Am. Act.

For the relief of Elsie Fox, Mary McBride
Phelix Brown, Lydia Black, Martha Patterson
and Thomas Holliday, widows and soldiers of the
Revolutionary & Indian Wars.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House
of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
assembled in General Assembly, that it is hereby enacted by the authority
of the same, That the State Treasurer be and he is
heavily authorized and required to pay Elsie Fox &
Mary McBride, Lydia Black of Green County
Mary McBride and Phelix Brown of Fayette
County, and Martha Patterson of Lawrence County
widows of soldiers of the Revolutionary War an
annuity of forty dollars each during life to be paid
half yearly, commencing on the first day of July
Annus Domini, one thousand eight hundred and
forty four, and a gratuity of forty dollars to each as
provided for in existing laws.

Section 2. That the State Treasurer is hereby required to
pay Thomas Holliday or his order a gratuity of forty dollars
in addition to the annuity authorized by act of the present
session of the Legislature.

C. B. Chase
Speaker of the House of Representatives
M. H. Cason
Speaker of the Senate

Approved: This eighth day of May, 1854, at Harrisburg, one
thousand eight hundred and forty four
Wm. English,

State of Pennsylvania

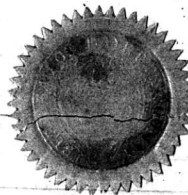
Fayette County so it is hereby Certified that Satisfactory Proof has been exhibited before me Register having Probate Jurisdiction for the County of Fayette in the State of Pennsylvania by the Affidavit of James McDonald a person of known respectability and a Credible Witness. That relative to the military Services of Hugh McBride in the Indian War under General Wayne of the Northwestern Army of 1793 &c. that said Hugh McBride was then of Capt. Richard Sparks Company of the Regiment Commanded by Col Butler under whom he the said McBride engaged near Pittsburg Penn^a for the term of three years in the month of April 1793. - The said James McDonald further Certifies that he was a Member of the said Company & Regiment and that when at Fort Washington the said McBride was one of the many guards to protect the army stores also guard duty the stock &c. until the said Army was ordered out to the Indian Country, and that he the said McBride continued to serve in the said Service until the general Battle of the said month of August 1794 in which said McBride was then and then engaged, and thus continued to serve until after the final treaty at Greenville in the then Territory of Ohio on the third day of August 1795 and that soon after said treaty, said McBride and he the said Deponant was honorably discharged by their said officers at Greenville. Said Hugh McBride was fugleman

of the Regt. of Fusiliers in 1782.-3 at Fort Pitt. Further that relative to the said Hugh McBride's Revolutionary Services he the said McDonald can only state that his Father Abraham and said Hugh McBride after they returned &c. they often spoke of serving together in the Flying Camp. and for eight months at the Valley Forge. - But that ~~the~~ said James McDonald personally knows that the said Hugh McBride and the said Abraham his father both engaged in the Militia and Volunteer Service at Fort Pitt in the month of December 1781 under Capt. Smith & of Col McKims 3^d Regiment and they served their lawful tours and also served as substitutes at least half their time, and they had a little home and families on this dangerous frontier - that they continued in said Service until November 1783.

I further Certify that Satisfactory Proof has been exhibited before me Register as aforesaid by the Affidavit of Jacob Wholby a person of unimpeachable Character and a Credible Witness that he has been long and well acquainted with Mary McBride, who is the lawful Widow of Hugh McBride. That relative to the Revolutionary Services of her husband Hugh McBride rendered east of the Mountains I can only say that the said McBride was under the general reputation of having been a Revolutionary Soldier, also of the Indian war that said Hugh McBride and Abraham McDonald shall serve east of the Mountains,

but after their services under Capt. Marshall at York Town (Virginia affairs), soon after Lord Cornwallis's battle and surrender, they also stated that they returned to Lancaster regarding prisoners &c. until sometime in November 1781. from thence they the said McDonald and the said McBride returned home to the frontier - I saw them engage in the frontier service as hired substitutes says deponent and said deponent also says that said McDonald engaged for two months for Joseph Smith and the said Hugh McBride substituted also for two months for Alexander Davis (each of whom were residents of Fort Pitt about the middle of December 1781, or being a little after the Indians attempted to burn Fort Pittaining early in said December of said year - that then the said McDonald and said McBride continued to serve on and near ~~the~~ Alleghany River - that the said McBride and said McDonald, Joseph Deplin & P. Smith & others all of said Capt. Smith's company of Militia & Volunteers & of the Regiment commanded by Col. Willins (father of Judge Willins) and that the other company commanded by Capt. McCully (late Major) - said companies relieved other &c. in their turn - also D. Lewellen & J. McCadden all of whom were of said McBrides Mess, and that they the said McBride and McDonald continued to serve at the many different posts, forts Block houses & Stations on & near the said Alleghany River until their term of two months expired when they were honorably discharged by said Capt.

Smith at Fort Pittaining about the 15th February 1782 that on or about the 16th of February 1782 said McBride being lately drafted &c. commences his second two months ~~term~~ under said Capt. McCully & that said McBride & said McDonald being very desirous of serving and serving their whole time, in order to get both government & the substitute pay &c. they were counted useful soldiers, from long & early practice first under Wilmour & E. of the early part of the Revolution. Deponent further declares that he personally knew that said McBride did well and truly serve in the said capacity as above, also as a volunteer &c. until after the Peace of November 1783 having served twenty two months and some days, - that deponent resided long on the frontier & near fifteen years of age in 1781-2 &c. yet he cannot distinctly recollect all of the dates in proper rotation, but can remember said services as they occurred and knows that they rendered the said service



In witness
whereof I hereunto set my hand
and Seal of the Registers
Office at Union Town this
thirtieth day of March A.D. 1857
and that I have no interest
in this case in any way whatever.
John Collins Register



STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

Harrisburg, Pa. July 9th 1857

San. Courier

Dear Sir,

Account to
the amount of business on my desk I
could not give the Hon. Mr. Bird
earlier attention as it requires con-
siderable time to make the necessary
examination, but a careful search has
been made, and no record been found
of the service of Hugh M. Bird among
the Revolutionary Records of the State
Dep't.

Very Respectfully Yours

P. S. Haubler
Mil. Sec'y

Auditor General's Office
Harrisburg May 23. 1857.

Daniel Deener, Esq.

Dear Sir,

A careful examination
of the Revolutionary Rolls in this Department, has been
made for the name of Hugh M. Bird; but it does not
appear upon the same.

You had better address a letter yourself to
the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on the subject,
which will secure his prompt attention,

Respectfully

James Foy
Aud. Gen.

Union Town Penn^a June 2^d 1857

Secy of Com. of Penn^a

Enclosed you will find Letters in the Case of Mary McBride Widow of Hugh McBride from which you will discover what information and evidence is needed in the Case. Please examine Rolls in your Office and inform me whether the name of Hugh McBride appears thereon or if any evidence of Service of War be found in your Office. And

Obliged yours
J. Dan. Downer

State of Pennsylvania
Fayette County ss. On this the 27th day of July AD. 1857 before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Fayette personally appeared Daniel Downer a person with whom I am well acquainted and him by Certify to be a respectable and Credible Witness who being duly affirmed according to Law Says that the two Letters hereto attached were received by him as Atty. of Mary McBride (Applicant for United States Pension in right of the Revolutionary Services of her husband Hugh McBride) in answer to letters of enquiry addressed by him in reference to the Revolutionary Services of the said Hugh McBride viz. a letter dated May 23rd 1857 from Jacob Sprig Auditor General of the State of the State of Penn^a. Also a letter dated July 9th 1857 from the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the Pennsylvania dated July 9th 1857 to the effect of which said letters are hereto attached. Upon Rejoinder for the fact that the said Mary McBride was granted a gratuity and Annuity by Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approved the 18th day of May AD. 1854 in right of the Military Services of her said husband (see Pamph. Act Law of the Com^o of Penn^a for the year 1854, pag. 660.

Daniel Downer

Sworn to and Subscribed before me

This 29th day of July A.D. 1857, And I here
Certify that I have no interest in the
result of the above Case and am not
concerned in its prosecution.

Daniel Smith Esq.

Pennsylvania, Fayette County, SS.

I, R. P. Galloway Prothonotary of the Court
of Common Pleas in and for said County, do hereby certify that

Daniel Smith Esquire,
before whom the foregoing affidavit

appears to have been made, was at the date thereof & now is
an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said County duly commis-
sioned and qualified, and that the signature thereto purporting to be his is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal of the said Court, at Uniontown,
this 29th day of July A.D. 1857

R. P. Galloway Prothonotary

No. 6719-

Mary Mc Bride

Wife of H. H. H.

Pa.

Feb. 20 1857

J. A. J. Gallaway, Prothonary of the Court of Common Pleas
of Fayette County State of Penna. do hereby Certify that I
know the Dependent Mary McBride whose Declaration has
been sworn to and subscribed in Open Court March 3
1857, which is hereto annexed and believe her to be as
is stated in aforesaid Declaration, and that she is
of the age therein stated, and further that I am
not interested in this her claim as Attorney
or otherwise. Witness my hand and the Seal
of said Court affixed by order
of said Court now in Session.

J. A. J. Gallaway
Party

State of Pennsylvania
Fayette County Pa. On this the 14th day of March
1857 before me Associate Judge in and
for the said County of Fayette personally appeared
R. J. Gallaway and Dan. Danner persons whom
I well know to be respectable and credible witnesses
who being duly sworn according to law say that
they were present and saw Mary McBride execute
the Declaration hereto attached by making
her mark thereto and making oath thereto
in due form of law and that they depone
do reside in said County of Fayette.

Sworn to & subscribed before
me the day & year aforesaid
and she Certify that I have
no interest whatever in this claim

Geo. Brownfield
Clerk

R. J. Gallaway
Dan. Danner

State of Pennsylvania

Fayette County Pa. On this the 18th day of
March 1857 before me a Justice of the Peace
in and for said County of Fayette personally
appeared David Chipps and Elijah Crawford
who are to me well known and who are credible
witnesses, and who being by me duly sworn
depone and say that they are each well
acquainted with Mrs. Mary McBride the
aforesaid person who is Applicant for
Pension is widow of Hugh McBride dec'd
that they have known the said Mary McBride
for thirty years past. That they were
acquainted with Hugh McBride her late
husband having known him for ^{many} years
previous to his death. That they the said
Mary McBride and the said Hugh McBride
lived together as husband and wife and
were reputed so to be - that deponees never
heard the fact of their marriage disputed or
questioned. That the said Hugh McBride
died on the day of 1836 and
the said Mary McBride has been since that
day, and still is reputed to be his widow,
which deponees believe to be the fact
that she has never married since her said
husband's death and still is his widow
- that your deponees reside in Fayette Co Penna and

are disinterested
Sworn to & subscribed before me
this day of March 1857
and I do Certify that I have no
interest in this case whatever.

David Chipps

E. Crawford

J. L. Means

State of Pennsylvania

Fayette County, Pa. On this the 21st day of March
1857 before me a Justice of the Peace in and for
the said County of Fayette personally appeared
Anna Abraham whom I do hereby certify to
be a respectable and credible witness who being duly
sworn according to law says that she is well ac-
quainted with Mrs. Mary McBride a petitioner
for a Pension in right of the Revolutionary
services of Hugh McBride her husband - that
said Mary McBride and the said Hugh McBride
were lawfully married in Fayette County, State
of Penna on the day of 1827 by
me Enoch Abraham a Justice of the Peace at
the time of said Marriage in and for the said
County of Fayette - that your deponent was
present and was an eye-witness to said
Marriage - that they the said Mary McBride
and the said Hugh McBride lived together
as husband and wife after said Marriage rais-
ing a family as such and were reputed so to be
in the neighbourhood in which they lived -
that your deponent never heard the fact of
their marriage disputed or questioned
that your deponent resides in Fayette
County Penna and is altogether disinterested.
Sworn to & subscribed before
me the day & year aforesaid
and I her certify that I have no
interest in this case and am not con-
cerned in its prosecution.

Anna Abraham
mark

J. L. Means J.P.
Leat. Mrs. P. St. Brownfield

State of Pennsylvania

Fayette County, Pa. In addition to what I have
stated in my former Affidavit I do hereby
certify that I was the lawful wife of Enoch
Abraham the Justice of the Peace who married
the said Mary and the said Hugh McBride
at the time said Marriage was consum-
mated and was witness to said Marriage as
aforesaid
Sworn to & subscribed before
me the 21st day of
March 1857 and I her
certify that I have no interest
in the result of this case and
am not concerned in its prosecu-
tion.

Anna Abraham
mark

J. L. Means J.P.

Leat. Mrs. P. St. Brownfield

State of Pennsylvania
Fayette County, Pa.

I R. S. Galloway Prothonotary of the Court of Common
Pleas in and for said County do hereby certify that
Mrs. P. St. Brownfield Esq. before whom part of the foregoing
affidavits appear to have been made, is one of the
appointed Judges (and was at the time) of said Court duly
commissioned and qualified - & that J. L. Means Esq. before whom part of
the foregoing affidavits also appear to have been made - was at the date
thereof an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, duly
commissioned & qualified, that their official acts are entitled to full
faith & credit, & that their several signatures thereto are
genuine - In testimony whereof I hereunto set my
hand and seal of the said Court at Uniontown this
21st day of March 1857. R. S. Galloway
Prothonotary

A. J. Graham,
Jonesboro Tenn. Oct. 17/60

Appeal in the Revolutionary
Army claim of salary, and
of Hugh M. B. in the
Oct. Feb. 5th 1853.

Respectfully referred to
Com. Pensions for report
Most truly
Yours
Oct. 17/60

Rec'd 19 Oct. 60
Mr. G. H. C.



Jonesboro Tenn, October 17th, 1860.

Hon. Jacob Thompson,
Secy. of Int. U. S.
Sir.

Under the act of 3d. Feb. 1853,
Mary, widow of Hugh M. B. of Fayette County, Pennsylvania
(the County of my birth-) presented a claim for the services
of her husband, the said Hugh, in the War of the Revolution.
The claim was presented by the testimony of James M. Donald,
and Jacob Whaley, both of whom testify that Hugh M. B.
served ~~twelve~~ ^{ten} months in the War of the Revolution; and these
statements are so made, detailing as they do facts & circumstances,
and expressly claiming personal knowledge, as to create the im-
pression that the witnesses had a personal knowledge about
the facts concerning which they testify. The credibility of the
witnesses is amply sustained by the testimony of others of
the most prominent & respectable citizens of Fayette County, on
the original paper itself; to which was recently added the
Strong voucher of Hon. Par. Sturgeon who was for 12 years
a U. S. Senator of the State of Penn^a, and the Hon. Andrew
Stewart, long a member of the lower House of Congress -
who are, and have long been residents of said County. Support-
ed thus, with positive statements of witnesses, this claim has
been rejected, or suspended - by the Commission of Pensions -
from whose decision in this case, I respectfully pray an
appeal that the case may come especially under your
reconsideration: and for the following reasons: -

1. The acts relating to widows have never been construed

and very properly, so, with so much vigor as a proof, as those relating to ^{soldiers} ~~soldiers~~ pensions. From the very nature of the case, a widow could not obtain such proof as would be in the power of the soldier. In the Com^r letter of Aug. 25, 1857, he says "the law directs that the affidavits of intruders shall be made out, &c." It is well known that this regulation applied only to comparators, as they were called, who, in open Court, sustained the statements of the soldier in the militia service, where their comrades were beyond their reach, and here let me remark that thousands of pensions were granted under these regulations - which did not require the statement of a solitary comrade of the claimant in the service; & many of these widows are now drawing pensions upon claims thus established, under the act of Feb. 3, 1853.

2. This proof is of much stronger character than that required by the militia under the act of June 3^d. Two comparators as to reputation - with a minister of the Gospel was all that those acts required; but in this case, we file the statements of two intruders, abundantly certified to be credible, whose statements were first filed before the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and were so satisfactory to the Committee of that body, as to obtain a favorable report thereon, and the passage of a law granting this very widow a pension; and she is now drawing a pension under a special act of the Legislature of that State, which act expressly states that the pension is granted in consideration of the services of her husband in the War of the Revolution.

3 The State of Pennsylvania having recognized the services of Hugh M. Bide, by a special act, gives to those affidavits the nature of a public record - the correctness of which should be placed beyond question by the solemn act representing the united will of that Commonwealth.

4. Some of the proof shows service in the Indian wars; and the Com^r in his letter, dated Aug. 29, & Sept. 12, 1857, seems to entertain doubt as to his service on six months in the War of the Revolution. And yet James McDonald says that H. B. was in service in Decr. 1781, & continued in service to Nov. 1783; 23 mos; Whilst Wholey says he was in service in said War (Revolution) 22 months, as certified on Nov. 1783, grant that these intruders are credible - and this must be admitted, or all human evidence may be rejected - we have here uncontroverted evidence of at least 22 months in the War of the Revolution, sufficient to give, on an average of time 22 months.

5. I referred in my letter to the case of Mangrove, ind. of David Deardark - of Tenn - decided by yourself on an appeal from the decisions of the Commissioners. That claim was filed under the act of 1828; the testimony of but one comrade in service was filed, taken as a common affidavit before a Justice of the Peace - whose brief statement scarcely gave room for the belief that he was a comrade in all the campaigns about which he testifies: - there was corroborating traditional proof made as to credibility only of a Justice of the Peace as to the main intruder; and yet that claim was allowed - justly, as I consider, and as credit to the head & heart that decided it. The pro-

