

**MCAMIS/MCAMISH/ MCCAMISH BROTHERS:  
JAMES - THOMAS - [and possibly WILLIAM]  
From *First Settlers and Soldiers*, Page 431  
published by Edward C. McAmis [1926-2000]  
Cpl. World War II, buried Maryland Veterans Cemetery**

McAmis, Is one of many variations of the Scotch surname MacHamish (Gaelic MacSheumais) a sept of the Clan Gunn in Caithness, Scotland in the 12th century. Other variations may include; McAmish, MacKamish, McCamis, MacKames, McCammis, McCammish, McCamus, MacKeamish, McKimmish, McKimmis, McCamey, McKinnis, McCormish, McCornish, McComish a surname unto itself, McComas a surname unto itself, McCormick a surname unto itself, Jameson, Jamieson, & many others including McKamis & McKamie etc. The Gunn's are of Norse (Viking) descent.

McAmis, Was once McCamish. All of the Gr. Co., TN. McAmis's are descended from three brothers that came to the (State of Franklin from the US Territory South of the Ohio River was the Western lands of N.C. ceded to the US. Today's Gr. TN.). They migrated from Little Wreck Island Ck., Campbell Co., Va. (was Bedford Co., Va. & today is Appox. Co., VA.) in the yr 1785 with several other families. Thomas b. 1757 Ulster? the Rev. War Soldier settled on Richland Ck. a few miles out of Greeneville. His bro. James b. 1754 Ulster? the Rev. War Soldier wounded @ Yorktown, VA. by the British, settled on Sinking Ck. near the river with the bro. William b. 1750 Ulster? settling on the Headwaters of the Roaring Fork of Lick, Ck. They came with a group of Scotch Presbyterian veterans of the Rev. War including Dinwiddies, Fields, Galbreaths, Davis, Gray, & others. These 3 bro.s came to America legend says from Ulster? by way of Scotland, probably to Phila., PA. & down the great trading path into Bedford Co., VA. c. 1772? Other variations of this surname in E. Tennessee include McCamis - McAmish - McCamish - etc. This family of Scotch Presbyterians & later Methodist & Baptist, etc. spread all through Tennessee & later all over the USA.

McAmis Cemetery, Located in an overgrown field North of Greeneville on Rt. # 93 (Kingsport Road) about 1½ miles from Walkerton, Gr. TN. Two headstones; Thomas McAmis b. 1784 Bedford/Campbell Co., VA. (War of 1812) d. 1859 w Sarah Bailey b. 1792. C.D. # 12.

McAmis Valley, Gr. TN. (later became Davis Valley).

Brother, William, [c. 1750-1826], owned a farm located at the Headwaters of Roaring Fork. He is the brother believed to be buried in the McAmis Cemetery in a field off of Route 93 as mentioned above. His wife was Elizabeth Crawford. William died in 1826 before the Pension Act was passed. No Revolutionary War service has been identified for him. It would be unusual if he did not participate in some capacity.

Brother James [c. 1754-1822] owned a 226 acre farm was on Sinking Creek [Grant No. 3017]. His wife was Agnes Galbreath. This family is believed to be buried in now unmarked graves at Mt. Bethel Cemetery in Greeneville. James was grievously wounded in Battle. He and later his widow received a Pension. He died intestate.

Brother Thomas [c. 1757-1840] owned a farm on Richland Creek. The name of his first wife is not known. His second wife was Jane Wilson, who after Thomas' death drew a Widow Pension. Thomas and Jane are buried in Old Harmony Graveyard in Greeneville.

All three of the brothers had sons who served in the War of 1812.

**JAMES MCAMIS**

[No records are found at Fold3.com]

Pension application of James Mc Amis (McAmis, McAnnis) VAS549

[vsl 85VA](#)

Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[Note: Most of the documents in this file or even the displayed as split images on different pages or only partial exposures of the entire document with portions either at the top or bottom thereof missing. Consequently, some of the transcriptions below are to be taken with caution.]

[Split image to different pages: pp 2-3]

Campbell Sct.

This day came William Hays & Thos. Ellett  
before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made  
solemn affirmation they were present and say James  
McAmis at the Siege of York when he had received a wound  
In the Entrenchment and knew him to be the command  
that is allowed a pension by the Legislature of Virginia  
Given under my hand this 14 day of October 1795

S/ Thos. M. Clark [??]

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1781 received a Wound in his arm which disabled him from supporting himself by labor, is put  
on the list of Pensioners in pursuance of the Act of Assembly for that particular purpose made on  
the 29<sup>th</sup> of November in the year 1792 with an allowance of fifteen pounds per annum during his  
life commencing the said 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1792.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this  
19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1795

S/ Samuel Coleman

S/ R. Brooke [Robert Brooke]

[p 9: partial image]

This Day came William Galbrath and Thomas McAmesh before me the Subscribing Justice and  
made oath as the Law directs that James McAmas who this Day gave a power of attorney to  
William Hays is the same person who was wounded at the siege of Little York – Given under my  
hand and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1795

S/ John Wear, JP

Territory south of Ohio Greene County



[p 10: appears to be a partial image of a power of attorney granted to William Hays]

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State of Tennessee Greene County December 1<sup>st</sup> 1804: Came before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for said County, James Dinwiddie who being sworn Agreeably to law Deposeth and Saith he was present and saw a certain James McAmis who is at this time living, received a wound in his Right arm Occasioned by the Bursting of a Bomb Shell at the reduction of York Town in the Commonwealth of Virginia when General Cornwallis and the British Army was captured.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
James Galbreath, JP

S/ James Dinwiddie

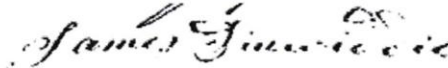


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State of Tennessee Greene County: Came before me one of the Justices of the peace for said County the subscriber James Dinwiddie and being sworn as the law directs Deposeth and saith that a certain James Macmis whom he saw wounded in the right arm at the reduction of York Town when General Cornwallis was captured and whom he is informed was allowed a pension by the State of Virginia is now living. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1803

Given under my hand and seal  
S/ James Galbreath, JP

S/ James Dinwiddie



[p 24: There are a number of powers of attorney in this file bearing what purports to be the signature of the veteran which appears as follows on the document posted on this page:



[p 82: Image of the top of this document is missing]

William Edmiston & Nancy Edmiston his wife are of the State of Ohio being the Children & heirs & only surviving heirs of James McAmis Deceased late of the County of Greene & State of Tennessee aforesaid (the said James McAmis deceased being the person who has long drawn an annual pension from the State or Treasury of Virginia for \$50 a year in consequence of his having received a wound by a Bum shell at the siege of York when Cornwallis and the British Army were captured at that place) do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint David Campbell of the County of Washington Virginia now a member of the Virginia Assembly at Richmond heart true & lawful attorney... [Boilerplate power of attorney language not transcribed] "all the money that was due or owing by the State of Virginia aforesaid to the said James McAmis as a pensioner at the time of his deceased which was on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1822... In witness whereof we have here unto set hands & affixed our seals this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 1824.

S/ Alexander Mcamis

**Author, Edward C. McAmis identified the following children of James:**

Sons: Alexander, born c. 1786 [War of 1812, Captain Joseph Hale Militia] - John, born c. 1789 -

James Junior, born c. 1796 [War of 1812, Captain Jacob Hoyal Militia] - William, born c. 1802

Daughters: Jane - Margaret - Nancy Agnes - Rachel Isable "Mable"



THOMAS MC CAMISH  
Sergeant VA

Va No<sup>s</sup> Carmish, Thomas N: 6805  
 or No<sup>s</sup> Camish B.L. No. 12,574-160-55  
 Jimmy or  
 Jerry

Tennessee, East,  
 Thomas W. Camish  
 of Greer Co in the State of Tennessee  
 who was a private in the Company commanded  
 by Captain \_\_\_\_\_ of the Regt. commanded  
 by Col. Talbot in the Cherokee  
 Campaign 17 months  
 from 1779.

Inscribed on the Roll of Tennessee  
 at the rate of 5 Dollars 16 Cents per annum,  
 to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 10th day of Sept  
 1833 and the 10th  
 Blain H. R.

Amount to 1st of Sept 1832 84 99  
 Sergeant allowance ending 1st March 1833 28 33

See over for \$ 113 32  
 increase to  
 \$66.66 per annum  
 { Revolutionary Claim, }  
 { Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk,  
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Pension increased  
 to \$66.66 per annum  
 and new certificate issued  
 12 Dec. 33 and sent to Hon.  
 John Blain H. R.



Pension application of Thomas McCamish (McAmis, McCarmish, McCarnish) W6805

Jinny (Jenny) McCamish

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State of Tennessee Green County: September Term 1832

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powel [Samuel Powell] Judge of the first Judicial Circuit of said State, Thomas McCamish aged seventy-three years, and resident citizen of Green County & State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated. Being before and at the time of his first service in the revolutionary war a citizen of Bedford County State of Virginia, in the spring of the year 1779 and was drafted as a militia man, under Captain Thomas Leftwick [Thomas Leftwich] of the Virginia militia in the said County of Bedford to serve a three months tour of duty in the expedition to the South against Cornwallis, and after his enrollment as aforesaid under Captain Leftwick was met by the Company of New London in said County and marched in conjunction with another Company raised in the same County (as well as now recollected) under Captain Clemons, to Hillsborough in North Carolina, where they met the regular Army consisting of the Maryland regulars but the No. of the Regiment, he does not recollect but remembers Gl. [? Genl.?] Smith commanded before the arrival of General Gaites [Horatio Gates], that the Army remained in Hillsborough until first of August, when the Army was moved to Brown's Ferry on Pedee River, where the sick & those unable to march were left to build a Fort (this declarant being of the number) but the Fort was not built on account of the defeat of the American troops at Camden [August 15-16, 1780] & the subsequent danger of that part of the Country being overrun by the British. That on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 1780 after declarant had lingered with the fever which had been the cause of his being left at Pedee he procured the certificate of on James Rice of Caswell County in order to send on to the commanding officer of his Regiment in order to obtain his discharge, which is hereto annexed, and upon which Colonel Ralph Falkner [Ralph Faulkner], the Colonel Commandant gave him a discharge on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 1780 which is upon the back of the aforesaid certificate and is annexed After the receipt of which he returned home to Bedford County having been in service from the preceding spring (an early in the spring) until the aforesaid period, being in the whole not less than seven months, actual service the reason of the service being protracted beyond the engagement was, that it was decaded [dictated? declared?] that the tour should only commence from the time of joining the main Army.

That after he returned home, immediately, it was understood that Cornwallis contemplated marching to Halifax County & into Virginia, and immediate call was made for all



the militia old & young to turn out & resist his march which was done & this declarant turned out with the Militia in great numbers and repaired to Taylor's ferry on Dan River, there expecting to be offered [?] & disciplined for the engagement, but Cornwallis learning that such force had there assembled changed his direction & went to Wilmington North Carolina, and the great body of the militia returned home, Captain Dixon [James Dixon] (however) beat up for volunteers to go and join the Army under Washington this declarant instead of returning home volunteered under said Dixon & marched with him to a point near Hillsboro & joined Colonel Washington [William Washington] of the Horse, and marched to the Reedy fork of the Haw River where they had a battle<sup>1</sup> with the British Army under Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] and at which place the American troops were overpowered, defeated, & were compelled to retreat with precipitation, and joined Green [Nathanael Greene] up the Country, where Captain Dixon obtained leave for his men to return home in order to recruit their clothing, and was discharged by Captain Dixon in Bedford County which discharge he here annexes, and which service connected with that which preceded it in going to Taylor's Ferry before he volunteered was continuous from the first of October until the 12<sup>th</sup> of March in suing being near six months.

Again in the ensuing April (to wit 1781) he was drafted as a militia man to go to South Carolina to attack the British under Colonel Kruger [John Harris Cruger], who had fortified at Ninety Six. He enrolled under Captain Pate [perhaps Anthony Pate] in the County of Bedford, & marched to Green's Army in the vicinity of Ninety Six and was there under his command, but the British getting a reinforcement from Charleston Green's Army retreated to Charlottesville [Charlotte] North Carolina, and the term of his time (being four months) having expired the company to which he belonged was marched to the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin [River] & discharged on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1781 which discharge given him by Edmund Tate Lieutenant is here annexed also said service being protracted to four months time.

Again in the month of September 1781 he was about the first of the month called upon to perform a tour of duty to go to Little York to resist Cornwallis, for which expedition five companies were ordered out from Bedford County Joseph Bullock being the Captain under which the declarant was enrolled, and was marched to Little York when and where was the Army under General Washington in the act of throwing up entrenchments, & cannonading (the British under Cornwallis being fortified in York Town). This declarant continued until the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], & was called upon to remain in the Hospital to attend to his sick brother until after New Year's 1782, and returning home with him, sometime in January, not having received a discharge owing to their having been no officers at the hospital, but which tour was for five months or thereabouts, which said for terms of service were rated at the time stated and actually embraced twenty-two months, in addition to the time which in some instances was consumed in marching to headquarters of the main Army and is very confident that he served more than two years, though he cannot state the precise time with certainty. That he annexes all the documentary evidence in his possession – but knows of no person by whom he can establish his said service, or whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the same. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, & declares that his name is not on the roll of the pension agency of any State, nor does he know of a minister of the Gospel by whom he can establish the facts required to be established by the restrictions of the War Department.

S/ Thomas McCamish, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> From the veterans description of the action and its timing, it is my guess that he is describing the Battle of Whitesell's Mill (Wetzel's Mill, Weitzell's Mill, and several other variations of spelling of the mill) on March 6, 1781.



Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this date first written.

S/ V. Sevier, Clerk

[Joseph Brown & David Farnsworth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 11: copy of a marriage bond issued September 18<sup>th</sup>, 1810 to Thomas McCamish, Senr., Thomas McCarmish (William's son) and Benjamin Farnsworth of green County Tennessee conditioned on the marriage of Thomas McCamish Senr. to Jinney Wilson.]

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12<sup>th</sup> March 1781 Thomas McAmis a Volunteer in my Company is hereby discharged from his Duty in said Company

S/ Jas. Dixon Capt.

*12<sup>th</sup> March 1781 Thomas McAmis a Volunteer in my Company is hereby discharged from his Duty in D Company  
Jas Dixon Capt*

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This is to Certifie that Thomas McCarmish one of the Sick, his Time being out is hearby Discharged from his Tower of Duuty given under my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1781

S/ Edmund Tate Lt

*This is to Certifie that Thomas Mc  
Carmish one of the Sick, his Time being out  
he is hearby Discharged from his Tower of  
Duuty given under my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> Day  
July 1781  
Edmund Tate Lt*

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This is to Certify that the Within mentioned Thomas McCamish in consideration of his ill State of Health is discharged from the remaining part of this tour of Duty

26 Sept. 1780

S/ Ralph Falkner Col. Comt.



This is to certify that the Within mentioned  
Thomas McFamish in consideration of his ill  
state of Health is discharged from the remaining  
part of this tour of Duty.  
26<sup>th</sup> Sept 1780  
Ralph Falkner Col. Comdr

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About the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> of August Thomas McFamish came to my House in ye County of Caswell about 25 miles from the Town of Hillsboro at which Time he appeared to be unwell and very unfit for Military duty within a few Day after he was Taken with a high Fever and other Complaints which was succeeded by the Ague and Fever. He has had it every Day since until within a few Days his Agues is remitted but his Fevers continues.

This 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1780

S/ James Rice

About the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> of August Thomas McFamish  
came to my House in County of Caswell about 25 Miles  
from the Town of Hillsborough at which Time he  
appeared to be unwell and very unfit for Military duty  
within a few Day after he was Taken with a high Fever  
and other Complaints which was succeeded by the Ague  
and Fever. he has had it every Day since until <sup>within</sup> a few Days  
his Agues ~~has~~ remitted is remitted but his Fevers continues.  
This 24<sup>th</sup> Day of Sept 1780  
James Rice

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State of Tennessee Green County

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833 personally appeared before me Robert Maloney one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Thomas McCamish who is on the pension roll of the Agency of Jonesborough Tennessee at the rate of \$56.66 per annum and in order to correspondent increase of pension made & subscribed the followings statement on oath, to wit, that in September of the year 1781 he was drafted as a militia man in Bedford County Virginia, to go on the expedition against Cornwallis at Little York, was put under the command of Captain Bullock, Colonel Tucker's command, was marched to Little York & in the siege and surrender,



and after the surrender was put into the hospital to take care of his sick brother<sup>2</sup> & continued in said hospital until Christmas following & obtained his discharge verbally and returned home for which he has had no allowance in his first claim, & to which he is entitled, & prays that an increase of pension be allowed him from September until Christmas, being three months time. Sworn to & subscribed before me this date first before written.

S/ Robert Maloney, JP

S/ Thomas McCamish, X his mark

[p 8: On May 2, 1853 in Greene County Tennessee, Jinney McCamish, aged near 72 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas McCamish or McAmis, a private and Sergeant in the Virginia militia and pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$66.66 per annum; that she married him in Greene County Tennessee about the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1810; that they were married; that her husband died in Greene County Tennessee January 4, 1840 by Benjamin McNutt, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Jinney Wilson. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months in the Virginia militia. His widow also was pensioned.]

#### OLD HARMONY GRAVEYARD, GREENEVILLE TN



Jinney Wilson McAmis



The children of Thomas McCamish as researched by Edward C. McAmis were:

Sons: James, born c. 1782 [War of 1812, Col. Allison Regiment]; John born c. 1811, Thomas Wilson McAmis, born 1817]

Daughters: Elizabeth, born c. 1785 - Mary born c. 1787 - Sarah, born c. 1789 - Margaret, born c. 1794 - Nancy, born c. 1812 - Jane/Janetta, born c. 1814 - Jean/Maria, born c. 1820



WILL OF THOMAS 'MCAMIS'

Thomas McAmis, dead.

Proven 3<sup>d</sup> Mch. 1840.

Wpms 19 p 114.

In the name of God, Amen -  
I Thomas McAmis of Green County  
and State of Tennessee being weak  
of body but sound in mind  
memory and in my perfect  
recollection, calling to mind  
the uncertainty of life and the  
certainty of death as it is appointed  
for all men to die - do make  
ordain and establish this  
my last Will & Testament  
utterly revoking all former wills  
by me made and all executors  
formerly by me appointed do

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Thomas McAmis

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solemnly declare this to be my last Will and Testament, that is to say - First of all, I recommend my soul into the hands of God that first gave it & my body to the dust to be interred in a decent Christian like burial at the discretion of my Executor, and as touching my worldly estate that it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in the following manner that is to say First of all - After all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid and all the charges may lawfully come against my my estate I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly Farnsworth one dollar to be paid out of my estate - Secondly I give and bequeath to my son James McAmis one dollar to be paid out of my estate - Third



ly - I give and bequeath to my daughter Betsy Hall one dollar to be paid out of my estate - Fourthly - I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Ross one dollar to be paid out of my estate - Fifthly - I give and bequeath to my daughter Peggy one dollar to be paid out of my estate - and sixthly - I give and bequeath to my son John McAmis one dollar to be paid out of my estate - Seventhly - All the remainder of my estate both real and personal I give and bequeath to my wife Jane to have and to hold during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided amongst my other three children that is to say Nancy McAmis, Thomas W. McAmis, and (P208) Jane M. McAmis - And lastly I appoint my wife Jane



Thomas McAmis

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my sole Executor of this my last  
will and Testament - Signed,  
Sealed and published this first  
day of June one thousand eight  
hundred and thirty

Signed, Sealed &  
published in the  
presence of us      Thos. McAmis (Seal)

John McAlpin  
Ephraim Wilson  
John McAmis

An inquiry was made to the Pension Office regarding the service of Thomas McCamish, to which the Pension Office replied. The inquirer may have been a descendant of a man of this name, but he was not the Soldier who came to Greene County, Tennessee.

The reply by the Pension Office reads:



February 17, 1936.

Mr. Franklyn Hegeboom  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Hotel Plaza  
New York, New York.

BA-J/ILL  
Thomas McCamish  
W. 6805

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Thomas McCamish who served from Bedford County, Virginia, as private and sergeant.

The data given herein are found in the papers on file in pension claim, W. 6805, based upon service of Thomas McCamish in the Revolutionary War. The name is shown also as McAmis, McCarnish, McCarnish and McKamish.

Thomas McCamish resided in Bedford County, Virginia, at the time of the Revolutionary War.

He enlisted in Bedford County, Virginia, in the spring of the year, served as private in Captain Thomas Leftwich's, went south on the expedition against Lord Cornwallis, joined the main army at Hillsborough, North Carolina, where he remained ill with severe fever, and was discharged September 25, 1780 by Colonel Ralph Parke of Virginia, having served seven months. He re-enlisted October 1, 1780, served as private in Captain James Dixon's Virginia company until March 12, 1781, during which he was in the battle of New River; he enlisted early in April 1781, and served as private in Captain Fane's Virginia company, marched to South Carolina and was discharged July 7, 1781. After his return to Bedford County, Virginia, he enlisted September 1, 1781, served as a private in Captain Joseph Bullock's company, Colonel Tucker's Virginia regiment, marched to Yorktown, was at the surrender of Cornwallis. After this, he remained at the hospital to care for his sick brother, whose name is not shown, and returned with him to Bedford County, in January 1782.

Thomas McCamish was allowed pension on his application executed



September 6, 1832, at which time he resided in Greene County, Tennessee. He died in that county January 4, 1840.

Thomas McCamish married September 18 or 19, 1810, in Greene County, Tennessee, Jinney Wilson, of said County. The marriage bond was dated September 18, 1810, and was signed by "Thomas McCamish (William's son)" and Benjamin Farnsworth. The names of her parents are not shown. No relationship between the soldier and this Thomas McCamish was stated. The soldier was designated Thomas McCamish, Senior.

Jinney McCamish (called also Jenny and Jinny) the soldier's widow was allowed pension on her application executed May 3, 1853, at which time she was aged nearly seventy-two years; the date and place of her birth are not shown. She resided about four miles from Greenville, Greene County, Tennessee. She was granted also 180 acres of bounty land on warrant #12574 under the Act of March 3, 1855, on account of her husband's service in the Revolutionary War. She was living in Greene County, Tennessee, in April 1866.

The soldier and his wife, Jinney, reared a family of children; however, no names are designated as children in the papers in this claim.

In 1853, Thomas McAmis (McCarnish), the soldier's nephew, was a resident of Greene County, Tennessee, aged sixty-seven years. He was present at the soldier's funeral.

In order to obtain the date of the last payment of pension, name of person paid, and, possibly, the date of death of this pensioner, you should apply to the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, this city, and furnish the followings

Jinny McCarnish (as her name was borne on pension roll)  
widow of Thomas

Certificate #1733  
Issued April 25, 1866  
Rate \$66.66 per annum  
Commenced March 4, 1861  
Act of February 3, 1853  
Tennessee (Knoxville) Agency.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HILLER,  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator.



WILLIAM MCCAMISH

[No Revolutionary War Service has been established for this brother.]

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William... }  
 M'Camish }  
 326 Acres... }  
 Laminado

Thomas Jefferson, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath  
 hereunto set his hand, and caused the Great Seal of the said  
 Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on the first day of  
 September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty  
 and of the Commonwealth the fifth

Thomas Jefferson

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Thomas Jefferson Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth  
 of Virginia, to all to whom these presents shall come greeting: Know ye that  
 that in consideration of the Ancient Composition of Thirty five Shillings  
 Sterling paid by William M'Camish into the Treasury of this Commonwealth  
 there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said William  
 M'Camish as Assignee of Alexander Steel who was Assignee of John  
 M'Manomy a certain tract or parcel of Land containing Three hundred  
 and twenty six Acres by Survey bearing date the sixth day of November  
 one Thousand seven hundred and seventy one lying and being in the  
 County of Bedford on the head branches of Little wreck Island Creek



From comments on ancestry.com re: will of William McCamish

BeckyDunnByars William McCamish Will - Another version: From Doug McCammish "Below is a transcription of the will of William McCamish of Greene Co., TN, date 27 Apr 1826. This was typed from a transcription made by persons unknown. I do not have a copy of the original, and I've never seen the original, so I can't claim that this is an accurate copy. If anyone else out there has a copy of the original and can provide corrections, I would appreciate it." William McCammish April 27, 1826 To all whom it may concern know ye, that I, William McCAMMISH Senior of the County of Green and State of Tennessee being far advanced in age and of infirm health, but of sound mind and memory and bearing in mind, that I must shortly be called hence and wishing as far as possible to settle my worldly affairs and dispose of my property do make than my last will and testament in manner following after my death: I wish my body to be buried in a decent manner. Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel McCAMMISH, the part of a tract of land granted to me by the State of North Carolina for 200 acres on which I now live, which lies north of the line beginning at a stake in a line of a piece of land I sold to William ROSS, then with a dividing line with my son George. South 57 East to a white oak at a fence then north 20 then East to a stake in the spring branch, then a direct line to the place where a line runs from. Will divide a tract of land I bought from Robert RANKIN into equal parts. I also the Western 1/2 of the said tract say 50 acres. I also give my said Samuel 19 acres I bought of James GALBRAITH joining James GASS & Thomas McCAMMISH and add my old tract and to my son George McCamish I give and bequeath that part of my old tract that lies South of a line run from Samuel's part South 57 East to a white oak, then South 23 West 24 poles to a stake, then 65 East to David RANKINS line joining the land of Seybums JEWEL, David HOLT, & William ROSS Jr. and for the love and good will I have for my grandson William McCAMISH, son of James McCAMMISH, I give and bequeath a part of my old tract beginning at a stage corner of George's part already described. Then with his and Samuel's line North 23 East to a stake in the spring branch. Then in a direct line to a point from which a line will divide a 100 acres I bought of Robert RANKIN in 2 equal parts. Then North 65 with said line West to the beginning. Also I give to my grandson the South half of the undivided tract that I bought from said RANKIN and to my other children John McCAMISH, Isaac McCAMISH, Adam McCAMISH, Robert McCAMISH, Thomas McCAMISH, William McCAMISH, Betsy McPHERSON, Jennie McPHERSON, Peggy HOPE, Polly GASS, I give the sum of one dollar each to be made out of my personal property after the death of myself and my wife, having heretofore given them what I intended. I also give my beloved wife Elizabeth McCAMISH, should she outlive me, all my personal property of every description to be disposed of as she may please. It is also understood that my son Samuel shall have the right of moving whatever is moveable of the improvements he has made where is now settled in confirmation of which I have hereto set my hand and seal the 27th day of April 1826. his Wilam X McCAMISH mark In presence of David Rice H. Dyke

[Editor's Comment: The bequests to named children in this transcribed Will, as well as the name of William's wife, Elizabeth, and the names of the Witnesses completely agree with the Abstract of Wills by Goldene Fillers Burgner as published in her book, *Greene County, Tennessee Wills 1783-1890*, published in 1981.]

The sons of William McCamish Senior who served in the War of 1812 included:

- Adam, 2nd USA Army. He would later go to Kentucky.
- James, Captain Jacob Hoyal and Captain Joseph Hale [Greene County Militia]
- Robert, Captain Robert Maloney/Peter Harmon Company [Greene County Militia]
- Thomas, Captain Robert Maloney/Peter Harmon Company [Greene County Militia]
- Samuel, Captain Robert Maloney Company/Peter Harmon Company [Greene County Militia].