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The New York Society

OF THE

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

OF

David McNeely Knox Stauffer

DESCENDANT OF

Andrew Knox

Application examined and approved

March 7 1895

Edward Hagaman Hall
State Registrar

Accepted by the State Board of Management

March 8th 1895

John Winfield Scott
State Secretary

DATES.

Application filed with State Secretary, 189

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Fees paid,

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ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF MANAGERS.

David McNeely Knox Stauffer

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TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF

THE NEW YORK SOCIETY

OF THE

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

I, *David McNeely Knox Stauffer*, being of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, to wit, of the age of *49*, hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from *Andrew Knox* who was born in *County Antrim, Ireland* on the *—* day of *—* 17 *27*/*28* and died in *Montgomery Co., Penna.* on the *17th* day of *October* 1807 and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in *Mount Joy* County of *Lancaster* State of *Pennsylvania* on the *24th* day of *March* 1845

I am the son of *Jacob Stauffer (1808 - 1880)* and *Mary Knox McNeely (1813 - 1846)* his wife, and grandson of *David McNeely (1771 - 1850)* and *Mary Knox (1771 - 1829)* his wife, and great-grandson of *Andrew Knox (1727 - 1807)* and *Isabella White (1731 - 1809)* his wife, and great-great-grandson of *David Knox (1700 - 1780)* and *Martha Jenkins* his wife, and great-great-great-grandson of *—* his wife, and great-great-great-great-grandson of *—* his wife and he, the said *Andrew Knox* is the ancestor who assisted in

establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of *active patriot and Chairman of Committee of correspondence for Whitpain, Mont. Co. Penna.*

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of the Society:

Nathan S. Paine

Signature of applicant,

David McNeely Stauffer

Residence,

Yonkers, N. Y.

Occupation,

Civil Engineer, Editor and proprietor of "The Engineering News" - New York City.

David McNeely Knox Stauffer

Jacob Stauffer — Mary Knox McNeely

David McNeely — Mary Knox

Andrew Knox — Isabella White

David Knox — Martha Jenkin

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Andrew Knox (1727-1807), of Whippen, Montgomery Co., Penna., was commissioned on June 6, 1777, Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, and was Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence for Whippen. His active services caused the Commander of the British Forces in Philadelphia to offer a reward of 10 Guineas each to any who would capture him. In Jan. 1778, five Tories, by name Enoch Sapples, Robert Jones, John Struthers, Abisha Wright & Wm. Thurlow, attempted his capture. Mr. Knox was called to the door on the pretence that it was a messenger from his brother-in-law, Capt. White. The door was chained and only partly opened, and when the party attempted to force an entrance an encounter ensued. The Tories fired through the door and the opening. Mr. Knox defended it with a broadsword and his young son Robert (1756-1814) fired upon the party from an upper window. Ball-holes in the high wooden mantel and inner door, and eleven holes in the outer door, still preserved, attest the severity of the fight. Mr. Knox was finally struck in the thigh by a ball and lamed for life. But as he was wounded help came from his Whig neighbors and the Tories retreated. Struthers was wounded and tracked in the snow and captured nearby; and from information obtained from him, Wright and Thurlow were also taken; the other two escaped to the British lines below Barram Hill. The captives were taken to Mr. Knox. On the way Thurlow became stubborn and was hanged on a walnut tree at the entrance to the drive to the Knox house. Mr. Knox ordered the



other two to be taken to the nearest military post, at Montgomery Square, and then Wright was also hanged. Struthers was let go, as it appeared he was forced to go with the party.

Matthew Knox, a younger brother of Aud. Knox, was commissioned, Jan. 6. 1776, 1st Lieut. in the 3rd. Penna. Line Col. John Shea. He was made a Captain on Oct. 11. 1776 and was captured at Fort. Mifflin on Nov. 16. 1776 and held prisoner until Oct. 28. 1778.

William Knox, another younger brother, was commissioned Dec. 4. 1776. 2nd. Lieut. in 10th. Penna. Line, Col. Joseph Pennone; was 1st Lieut. April 30. 1777; became a Surgeon July 1. 1778.

My father's ancestors during the Revolution were Swiss Mennonites and English Quakers, and non-combatants by reason of their faith.

The following are references to the authorities for the above statements:

- I Story as told me by an eye witness, Mrs. Robert (McNelly) Knox, wife of the Robert Knox mentioned. She was born Feb. 11. 1770 & died March 22. 1800. As a young girl she was in the home at the time of the attack and died there. The names of the men & details here given are taken from a mis. account written in 1835 by Mr. Isaac Mc Glathey, one of the rescuing party and a relation of Mrs. Knox.
- II² "Bunch and Bar of Philadelphia" - John Hill Martin - p. 47 pp. 89.
- III History of Montgomery County, Penna., by William J. Ruckelshaus
- IV Penna. Archives - Vol. X. pp. 5105, 703, 704.

(Signature of applicant) *D. McN. Stawffer*
(Also to be signed at bottom of second page.)

(usually written) *D. McN. Stawffer*

[The following form of acknowledgment is required.]

STATE OF New York }
City of New York } COUNTY OF New York } ss. On this fifth day of March 1895

Personally appeared *David McNelly Knox Stawffer*

signer of the above and foregoing application and statement, and made oath that the statements therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief before me.

Official Signature,

D. Lincoln Beesett
Notary Public N.Y.C.

