

Reel 2527 #65368

To His Excellency Robert Shore Milnes Esq. Lieutenant Governor of Lower Canada

The Petition of Mary McKay Widow in behalf of herself and nine children viz. Deborah, Mary, Isabella, Jane, Bridget, Martha, Barbara, George & Archibald, Humbly Sheweth. That your petitioners husband the late Hugh McKay faithfully serv'd His Majesty George the Third as a paymaster sergeant in the eighth regiment of infantry for the space of eighteen years, afterwards as a comifsary for seven years again as High Constable for the parish of Quebec in all which said employ'd he acquitted himself honorably.

That her said late husband has left herself and the above nine children totally impovished for.

Your petitioner therefore Humbly Prays that Your Excellency will be pleased to take her melancholy case into consideration and grant 1200 acres of any of the lands now distributing for herself and 1200 for each of the above named children in the township of Burford and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Mary MacKay Widow

Petition of Mary McKay Widow
in behalf of herself
and nine Children
Praying a Grant of
1200 Acres to each in
the Township of Burford

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Referred to the Land
Committee by orders
Of His Excellency the
Lieut. Governor
25 Feb 1800

The Petition of
Mary McKay widow

Land Committee
Considering the grant of this widow
With which the Petitioners
late husband Discharged
certain duties as Head

Constable overseer of the ???
& other noble employments
& the situation in which
the Petitioner with nine
children has been left
The Committee humbly recommends
That she may receive
1200 acres and each of
her children 200 acres to
be laid out in assay'd of the
townships set apart on the
N. bank of the Ottawa
River for the accommodation
Of Loyalist and other meritorious
Persons.

Signed by Hugh Finlay
Chairman
Quebec 14 March 1800

Edit note: The north bank of the Ottawa River was deemed by the surveyor to be unfit
for agriculture and the grant was the made in Tring Township.

(transcription provided by Peter Scarlett UE, Sir Guy Carleton Br.)