

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McGaughey (McGoughey) R5820 Jane Keith¹ f34NC/SC
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State of Georgia Meriwether County } SS

I Abner Reeves an acting Justice of the Inferior Court in and for the County of Meriwether and State aforesaid -- Be it known that on this 15th day of September 1846 A.D. personally appeared before me Mrs. Jane Keith a resident of this County and State aforesaid aged 74 years past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 7th day of July 1838, That she is the widow of David Keith who died on the 21st day of November 1844, That she still remains his widow. That she was formerly the widow of John McGaughey who was a soldier and served in the War of the Revolution and died on the 12th day of August 1815 leaving her this deponent his widow. But that she cannot give a particular narrative of his services at this late period as to whether he was a volunteer or whether he was drafted or a substitute but thinks he belonged to a class of soldiers called the mounted horseman or Rangers skirmishing in reconnoitering the Country of British & Tories for a time of twelve months or upwards under the command of Capt. Reed [Samuel Reid] and served in a foot company for a considerable length of time thinks that he the said John McGaughey served several tours during the war of the Revolution from what she recollects to have heard her said husband John McGaughey relate divers times, she here gives the names of the Battles that she thinks her said husband was engaged in -- Battle of Ramsour's Mills [June 20, 1780], Battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and the old Haw fields Battle, Battle at Moncks Corner all of the aforementioned Battles she verily believes her said husband was engaged in according to the best of her recollection. Thinks his service was principally confined to the State of North Carolina and the State of South Carolina. Resided at the time of his service in Roan [Rowan] County State of North Carolina does not recollect if she ever heard the names of the officers that her said husband served under other than Capt. Reed as before stated and one Col. Hampton [Wade Hampton]² -- She further declares that she was legally married to John McGaughey her first husband on the 20th day of March 1792 ceremonies solemnized by her Father James Adams Esquire in Hancock County State of Georgia remained in Hancock until the fall of 1798 lived there in Jackson County State of Georgia three years after which they removed to what was then called Mississippi Territory and settled on Tombigby River [Tombigbee River] remained there 2 years, removed to the Chickasaw purchase then called -- remained there until her husband John McGaughey died on

¹ former widow

² The veteran is listed on the roster of Capt. John Reid's Company of Lt. Col. Wade Hampton Regiment posted as [B231](#) in this database.

the 12th day of August 1815 as before stated -- leaving her this deponent his widow, and in May following she removed from thence back to the State of Georgia Jasper County to where her relations lived -- She further declares that she was legally married to David Keith her second husband on the 21st day of July 1823, ceremonies solemnized by one Esqr. Mobly. Removed from Jasper County to this Meriwether County State aforesaid where her second husband died as before stated. She further declares that she has no record or documentary evidence in support of her said husband's services the said John McGaughey for whose services she claims a pension under the before named act, nor does she know of any person living who can testify to any part of his services other than James McGaughey who resides in Walton County State of Georgia as she has been informed. She further declares that she has no record proof in her possession in support of her marriage to the said John McGaughey other than the ages of her children registered in the order of their birth in the hand writing of her husband John McGaughey -- that their names and dates of birth will be hereunto annexed on the testament believes which Testament has been kept in her possession ever since the period of her said husband's death has never undergone any alteration to her own knowledge. That she was not married to her first husband prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at that time before stated.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first written.

S/ Abner Reeves, JIC

S/ Jane Keath, X her mark

State of Georgia in Walton County

Be it known that on this 2nd day of November 1846 Before me James Z. Locklin a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared James McGaughey a resident of said County and State aged Seventy-three years past who being first duly sworn according to law saith that according to his understanding he was born in Rowan, now Iredell, County State of North Carolina where his parents and family resided during the War of the Revolution That his Brother John as he always understood and believes was 10 years & a few days over 3 months older than himself and that at about the age of 16 his said brother John entered the service of the United States as a private horseman, that he distinctly recollects his going into service and the beast he rode and thinks his said brother served a tour of 3 months, was engaged in the Battle at Ramsour's Mill during the Tour of service as he understood But that he is unable to give the names of his officers or the particular date that he entered the service aforesaid. That shortly afterwards his said Brother John McGaughey enlisted deponent thinks for the term of 10 months, at his father's residence, under a recruiting officer by the name of Capt. John Reed [John Reid], deponent was present at the time and heard the conditions of enlistment, which was as he then understood, that each recruit shall be paid for their services in confiscated property and that his brother John again entered the service of the United States as a horseman and that during his term of 10 months service he was engaged in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs, and others, as he has always understood. That his term of service last aforesaid expired about the time that actual hostilities ceased, about which time his said brother John, returned home in Rowan County and brought with him a Negro girl which property his said brother received in pavement for his services last aforesaid as deponent then and has always since understood. That deponent is at a loss to determine whether his said brother was considered a private horseman in the service of North Carolina or South Carolina line. But believes that he was enlisted to serve in the South Carolina Line or State Troops as deponent

always understood and believes that his Services last aforesaid was performed in the State of South Carolina that deponent frequently heard his said brother speak of being attached to Col. Wade Hampton's Regiment of horsemen. That deponent is unable at this late period to relate further particulars that would aid in the investigation of the services aforesaid. That in the year 1788 himself and brother John McGaughey removed to the State of Georgia Greene County, now Hancock County, that in March 1792 his brother was legally married to Miss Jane Adams in the County last aforesaid and that he deponent witnessed the marriage ceremony and that on Christmas Day following their eldest child -- namely Rebeccah Adams McGaughey was born, and that in the year following Hancock County was laid out from Greene and other counties when they fell into the County of Hancock and removed from thence to Jackson County from thence westward where his said brother died leaving James McGaughey aforesaid his widow. That she return after his brother's death aforesaid to the State of Georgia and afterwards married David Keith who of late has died in also leaving the said Jane a widow. That deponent was at the House or resident of the said James keys a short time past in Meriwether County State of Georgia and that she is still a widow.

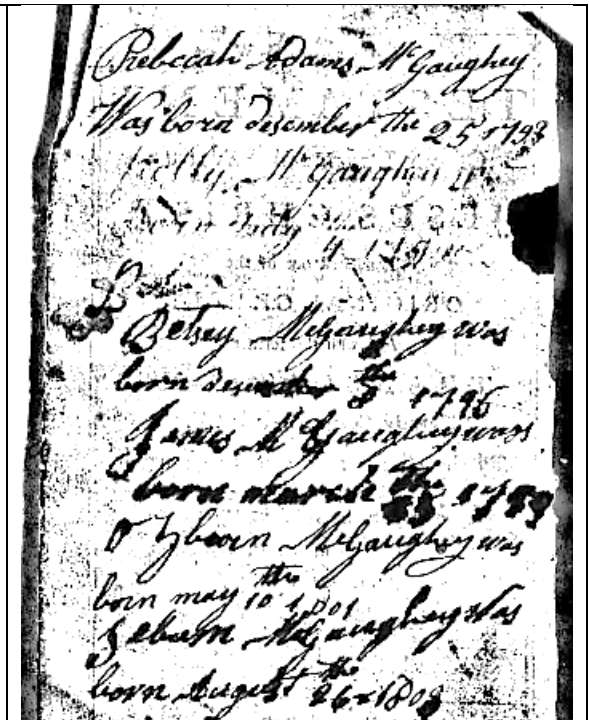
Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first mentioned before me
S/ James Z. Locklin, JP

S/ James McGaughey



[family register]

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