

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McGee R6717

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To the Honorable House of Congress or Commity [committee] of Millitery affairs

With humble [word written over and obliterated] I would inform your Honorable Body that I served as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War and I yet have my Discharge which reads as follows –

The Bearer hereof John McGee a Soldier in my Company of the 12th Virginia during said time as a good soldier is hereby discharged given under my hand at Fort Randolph October the 10th 1778.

Wm McKey Captain 12th Virginia Regiment

for which services I have not received any Land grants or Warrant or gave no person any power of attorney for receipt on my behalf. Your Petitioner was on Lewises [probably Col. Andrew Lewis'] Campaign¹ against the Shawnee Indians and at the Battle at Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] with General Green [Nathanael Greene] against Lord Corn-Walis [Cornwallis] – and has been wounded in my arm with two Balls through between my elbow and my wrist and one ball through my shoulder – I your petitioner John McGee prays that your Honors would Grant me some land or a Warrant for land in the Western Country (as my Residence is there in West Tennessee and Warren County) or otherwise as your Honors shall think best and I your Petitioner will ever pray. This from your humble Servant

S/ John McGee



State of Tennessee Warren County: This day personally appeared before me Pleasant Henderson an acting Justice of the peace for said County John McGee the within petitioner and made oath that facts stated in the within petition are just and true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of October 1818

S/ P. Henderson, JP

S/ John McGee

State of Tennessee County of Warren

On this 6th day of September 1852 personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace

¹ This is PROBABLY a reference to a campaign that culminated on October 10, 1774 in what is called the Battle of Point Pleasant or the Battle of Kanawha during the Lord Dunmore's campaign against the Shawnee and Mingo Indian tribes

in and for the said County & State, Charles M Forrest aged thirty-five years, a resident of said County & made oath in due form of law that he is the Administrator of Esther McGee deceased who was the widow of John McGee, who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution from the State of Virginia, and served for the space of more than two years in the company of Captain William McKee in the 12th Regiment of Virginia State troops, and was discharged at Fort Randolph on the 10th of October 1778, as will appear by the original Certificate of discharge here with presented, that he was also wounded during said War, and was engaged in the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], as appears from an original affidavit made by him in the year 1818, petitioning Congress for land, due him on account of his Revolutionary services and which is here with presented, that sometime in the year 1792 the said John McGee having removed from the state of Virginia, intermarried with one Esther __, in Sevier County Tennessee, that they continued to live together and cohabit as man and wife until the 24th of January 1820 when he died in Warren County Tennessee, that the said Esther survived him and continued his widow until the __ day of March 1846 when she died in Warren County Tennessee leaving the following named only surviving children to wit Jane Tennessee, widow of Ja [balance of name obliterated] formerly Jane McGee), Polly McGregor wife of Ezekiel (formerly Polly [name obliterated], John McGee, Sallie McGee, Samuel McGee and James L [balance of name obliterated] – and that he makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining for the aforementioned children of John and Esther McGee, the pension due them under acts of July 7th 1838, March 3rd 1843, June 17, 1844 on account of the Revolutionary Services of their deceased father the said John McGee, and he prays that said pension be made payable to him as administrator for the benefit of the aforesaid heirs, he having given bond and security for the faithful performance of his duty as the law directs, that he has in his possession no other record or documentary evidence of the services of John McGee and of his marriage than those here with presented and which are genuine nor does he know of any other. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

S/ John Miller

S/ C. M. Forrest

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The Bearer here of John McGee a Soldier in my Company of the 12th Virginia Regiment which Term of enlistment is fully expired: having served upwards of two years and Behaved himself During said time as a good soldier is hereby Discharged. Given under my hand at Fort Randolph October 10th 1778

S/ Wm McKee, Capt. 12th Virga. Regt.

The Bearer hereof John McGee a Soldier in my Camp
of the 12th Virg^a Reg^t whose Term of Enlistment is
fully expired: having served upwards of two years, and
behaved himself during the time as a good soldier is
hereby Discharged. Given under my hand at Fort Mifflin
October 10th 1778.

Wm. M. Lee. Capt. 12th Virg^a Reg^t

[p 22: On November 12, 1852 in Henry County Tennessee, Richard McGee, 77, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the veteran; that he has heard the veteran say he served a tour of 2 years in the revolutionary war in the Virginia troops under the command of Captain William McKee or Arbuckle and was engaged in the battle of Guilford Court house in North Carolina; that the veteran then lived in Rockbridge County Virginia; that after the war he removed to East Tennessee sometime about the year 1792 and intermarried with Esther Clendenning; that John McGee and Esther lived together as man and wife until the year about 1820 when John died in Sevier County Tennessee; that Esther died in 1846 leaving Jane Tennessee, Polly McGregor, John McGee, Sallie McGee, Samuel McGee and James L McGee as her only living children. The affiant's relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.

Richard McGee