

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard McGuire R6727 Eleanor McGuire f20NC
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Crawford County } SS

On this fifteenth day of August personally appeared before the subscriber one of the justices of the peace in and for said County Elinor McGuire a resident of North Shenango Township County and State aforesaid aged eighty-five years who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4 A.D. 1836: That she is the widow of Richard McGuire who was a private & Lieut. in the Army of the revolution. That he was drafted in the Militia of North Carolina served under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], his Col.'s name was Matthew Lock [sic, Matthew Locke], the Capt.'s name is now forgotten. On this tour he served three months against the Cherokees. He afterwards served eleven months as Lieut. under Col. Locke & Capt. David Caldwell in North Carolina he left the service in A.D. 1779. She further declares that she was married to the said Richard McGuire on the 28th day of February A.D. 1781. That her husband the said Richard McGuire died on the 10th day of April 1825. That she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Elinor McGuire, X her mark

Crawford County State of Pennsylvania

Personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County James Mason who may be believed either on his oath or otherwise, being sworn saith That he remembers to have seen a document signed by D. Caldwell which was said to contain the account of Richard McGuire's service in the revolution: that he has known the said Richard & Elinor Maguire since the year 1810 has often [heard] the said Richard speak with reference to the tour he once had against the Cherokee Indians. I have also heard him speak of a campaign in which he served against the British & Tories & acted recruiting Lieut. to Capt. Caldwell. I know of Elinor Maguire making application to the legislature of North Carolina where the service of her deceased husband had been performed. Said application was made A.D. 1833 & as I have understood & fully believe the application and supporting documents were lost. I can further certify that the said Elinor & her husband have always had the name of persons of truth & veracity.

S/ James Mason

Sworn & Subscribed this Sixteenth day of August A.D. 1838

Crawford County

James McNamara being sworn says that he is ninety-one years old that he became acquainted with Lieutenant Richard McGuire A.D. 1773 in Lancaster County of Pennsylvania that he was at his wedding when married to Elinor Gilgrist which took place A.D. 1781, he may also certify that Elinor McGuire is a woman of unquestionable truth and veracity.

Sworn & Subscribed this 17th day of August A.D. 1838

S/ James McNamara

[In 1839, at age 86, Eleanor McGuire filed a new application, this time under the 1838 act, in which she substantially restates the facts set forth in her earlier application but adds that her husband lived in Rowan County, NC at the time he rendered his service; that he got a discharge from his 11-month service; that said discharge was sent to NC in support of her claim filed with the NC legislature and is lost.]

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Crawford County } SS

Personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County David McKee who himself is a justice of the peace in and for said County, whose word may be relied upon the either on oath or otherwise and being sworn says that Elinor McGuire wife of Richard McGuire a soldier of the revolution made application to the legislature of North Carolina for a pension, for the services of her deceased husband in A.D. 1833.

Her application was lost and her concurring testimony together with a certificate of the services of her deceased husband which certificate deponent well remembers and offers the following as a copy of the same

Roan County [Rowan]

North Carolina

November A.D. 1779

The bearer Richard McGuire informs me that he intends traveling towards Pennsylvania to visit his friends &c. This is to certify that he has resided here four or five years past behaving himself inoffensively and has been well disposed to the interests of this state and has exerted himself manfully against Tories and other enemies. He served as my Lieutenant eleven months and was much esteemed by all officers and soldiers who will therefore let him pass and repass accordingly.

S/ David Caldwell, Capt.

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The bearer takes with him a mulatto boy whom he purchased from one of my neighbors.

S/ D. Caldwell

Deponent further states that he became acquainted with Richard McGuire in A.D. 1812 and has lived in the neighborhood with him until the old gentleman deceased, and has often heard him speak of serving in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians at a period when General Rutherford commanded the division and Col. Matthew Locke had charge of the Regiment in which the said Richard served he the said Richard has often asserted that in that expedition he assisted in destroying thirty-two Indian villages that the company carried away with them upwards of three hundred head of cattle. Further that the said Richard served under Col. Matthew Locke and Capt. D. Caldwell that the said Richard passed one winter in Camden South Carolina he served according to his own statements in this tour of duty about eleven months and claimed the rank of Lieut. Also that the said Richard died April A.D. 1825 and that Elinor his wife has remained his widow ever since. Deponent saith that he understood that the said Richard

never received anything for his services. I believe that Elinor and her husband Richard McGuire to have been persons of truth & veracity.

S/ David McKee

Sworn & subscribed this 17th day of August A.D. 1838

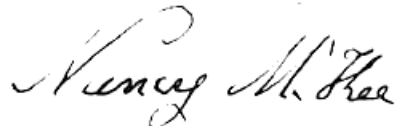
S/ John H. Work

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State of Pennsylvania County of Crawford} SS

Be it known, That before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Nancy McKee of said County aged sixty-seven years, who, being duly cautioned and sworn in due form of law, states, that she is the daughter of Richard & Eleanor McGuire, that her mother was an applicant for a Revolutionary pension, that she died on the 25th day of December 1845, and did not obtain her pension, that she left the following her surviving children now living to wit: Mary Fisher of Wis., John McGuire of Indiana Joseph McGuire of Miss, Elizabeth Magran [?], of Ill. and her the said Nancy, can't say that all are now living and that she believes that they are entitled to whatever is due, and that the United States is still indebted to them, under the laws of Congress for the Pension that was due their mother at her death and that for the purpose of investigating and establishing the claims as aforesaid, she has appointed James Hathaway, of Chardon, Geauga County, Ohio, her true and lawful Attorney, with irrevocable powers, to examine all papers on file, and my said Attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or Attorneys under him, for the purposes above expressed. In witness whereof, I have on this 18th day of March A.D. 1853, hereunto set my name and affixed my seal.

S/ Nancy McKee L. S.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nancy McKee". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Nancy McKee L. S.".