

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McHargue R6731

Sarah McHargue f49NC

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State of Kentucky Knox County to wit:

On this 26th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Knox County Court whose names are as follows Hiram Jones, John Patton and Richard Ballenger now sitting William McHargue a resident of ~~Knox County~~ Lynn Camp Creek in the County of Knox and State of Kentucky aged 87 years since August last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated, first he was drafted in the Militia service in the State of North Carolina Rowan County in the month of February 1777 in the company of Capt. Patrick Morrison for one month -- Frank Lock [Francis Locke] was Col. he does not remember the name of his Lieut. or Ensign but believes that Walter Sharp was one of them -- he served his time and after being marched as low as Fayetteville the news came that the Scotch (the Enemy) at Wilmington¹ were whipped and taken we marched back to Rowan and was discharged in Salisbury -- he states he received a discharge for this service which was burnt when he got his house burnt some years after -- the Scotch taken at Wilmington were marched up to Fayetteville and there imprisoned.

In November 1779 he was again drafted in Rowan County in to the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina Militia commanded by Col. Locke for six months __ Brevard [Hugh Brevard] was Lieut. Col. __ Good Major -- John Lopp Capt. James McGathy Lieut. the name of the Ensign is not remembered -- he lived however down near Salisbury. We marched to Savannah River at a place called Purrysburg -- we staid there occasionally marching up and down the River through the winter -- there was a great number of regulars there all the winter through General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] commanded the regulars -- Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was the General of the Militia -- we were discharged at this place after our time was so nearly out that we only had a reasonable time allowed us by our officers to return home which was about 500 miles from this place -- I received a written discharge for this service from Lieut. Col. Brevard which was also burnt among my other papers at the burning of my house. We marched from Rowan through Mecklenburg County -- Camden -- then to a point 12 miles above Charleston from thence to Bacon's Bridge, thence to Pond Pond [sic, Pon Pon, or South Edisto River], thence I do not remember any particular names until we got to Purrysburg.

In August 1780 I volunteered in Rowan County State of North Carolina into the Militia

¹ Applicant MAY be referring to the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge. If so, that action took place on February 27, 1776. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/moorescreek.htm>

service in the company of John Sloan [Johnson Sloan] Capt. as minute man, under this obligation of service I spent about 5 months we were under the command of Col. Locke and marched through different parts of North Carolina and at one time had a battle² with the Tories in Lincoln County on the South fork of the Catawba [River], we whipped the Tories having killed 40 of the Tories we lost 18 men one of these was my Brother-in-law John McBroom who fell in a few feet of me -- our Capt. John Sloan and Lieut. Archy McHenry were also among the slain we received no discharge for this service but went home whenever we discharged the duty we were called out for and we were again notified when there was need of us

1. I was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in August 1745

2. I have a record of my age -- it is now at home I set it down myself in the Presbyterian Confession of Faith upwards of 60 years ago as directed by my father Alexander McHargue.

3. I was living in Rowan County State of North Carolina when called into the service -- after the revolution was over about the year 1803 I moved to Clinch River in Tennessee I lived there 2 winters and one summer and moved to the place I now live in 1805.

4th. My 2 first Tours of duty were as a drafts man the 3rd as a volunteer the 5th and 6th interrogatories all already answered

7th. Robert Stephenson, Will Edwards, Patrick Burke, Josiah Crossman, my 2 sons William and Samuel McHargue -- these are persons besides many others, to whom I am known in my neighborhood and who I doubt not would if present all testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. XX

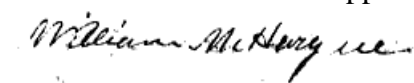
[William Hopper, a clergyman and Robert Stephenson, William Edwards & Will McHargue gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

XX He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State or agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William McHargue, X his mark

[p 5: On May 12th, 1841 in Laurel County Kentucky, Sarah McHargue, 91, of Robinson Creek in said Laurel County filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of William McHargue, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she cannot remember precisely when she married him but believes it was sometime in 1774 on January 19th (which she said was her birthday); that she could not recall when her husband died; that she remains his widow. The application is certified by William Hargue, J. P., son of the applicant.



. There is no evidence that the applicant actually signed the application or affixed her mark to it.]

[p 3: Copy of a marriage bond license issued in Rowan County, NC, January 3, 1774, for the marriage of Sarah McBroom to William McHenge (McHenge and John McBroom being the bondsmen).]

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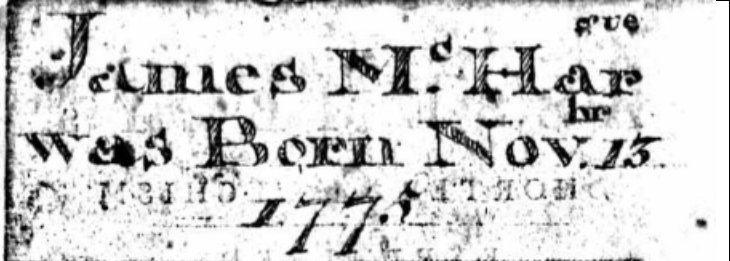
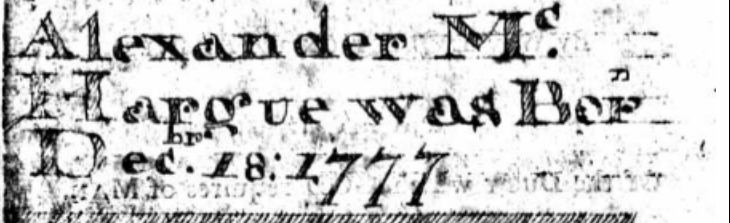
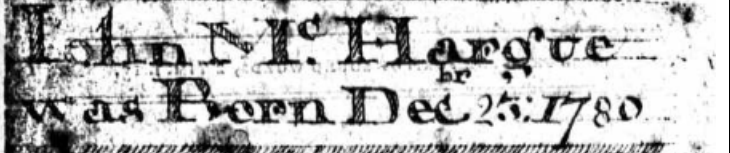
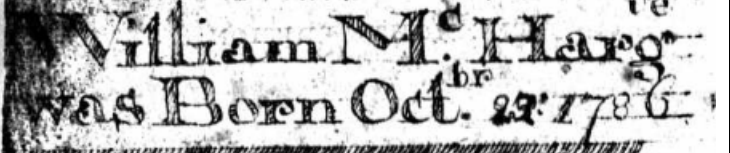
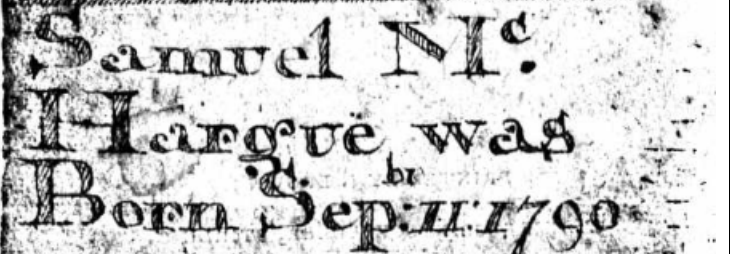
² Applicant is referring to the action known as the battle of Ramsour's mill which occurred on June 20, 1780.

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm> &

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

[On June 10, 1850, in Laurel County Kentucky, William McHargue, 63 on Oct. 23, last, gave testimony that he is the son of William and Sarah McHargue; that his father was pensioned at the rate of \$40/annum; that his father died August 26, 1836, leaving his mother, Sarah McBroom McHargue, his widow; that his mother died June 12, 1842; that his parents had 3 children prior to the end of the Revolution, namely James, Alexander and John; that 3 of his parents children survived the death of their mother, namely, James, Samuel and William McHargue.]

[p 23, family record]

James McHargue was Born Nov. 23, 1775	
Alexander McHargue was Born Dec 18, 1777	
John McHargue was Born Dec. 23, 1780	
William McHargue was Born Oct. 23 1786	
Samuel McHaruge was Born Sep: 11, 1790	

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina militia.]