

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph McGuire S13892

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State of Kentucky Henry County Sct.

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1832 personally appeared before the County Court for Henry County and State of Kentucky aforesaid, now sitting and being a Court of record – Joseph McGuire a resident of the County of Henry & State of Kentucky aforesaid aged 80 years being 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein mentioned. That he entered the Army under Captain B. Price [probably Bowen Price], Col. Russell and Major Cunduff. That he was an enlisted soldier & a private. That he enlisted for six months and longer, if called on. That he belonged to the Virginia State Regulars – (the circumstances of his service will show). That when he entered the Army, he lived in the County of Bedford & State of Virginia. That he was Born in East town in Pennsylvania on the 24 day of July 1752. That his father had a Bible in which he kept a record of his age which Bible his sister now owns – That he has often seen said record of his age & has a memorandum in writing taken from said Bible showing that he was born on the 24 day of July 1752 aforesaid. That he knows of no other record of his age. That he entered the Army as aforesaid in the month of September in the year 1779 but from old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the day of the month in which he entered. And that he served until the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May next thereafter (1780). That he was in two slight engagements – The one at Pointe Fork near a little town called Westham on James River above Richmond in Virginia – & above the falls of the River – the other was near Petersburg (a slight skirmish). At Westham there was a country store – the British kept the ground – & burnt to warehouses – one belonged to a Mr. Elay [could be "McElay"] the Americans went to Petersburg – General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]<sup>1</sup> was commanding – that part of the Army that went from thence to Richmond – there we wintered and guarded the magazine's. Price & Russell stayed with us – That after the winter broke we went to a place near Williamsburg – here the British burnt a Tavern. The Army remained at this place until May & then marched to Richmond where he was discharged in May 1780 – by Russell in writing, which he has long since lossed [sic]. He further states that after the 6 months for which he enlisted expired, that he was called on to serve longer – & did serve until the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 1780 as aforesaid.

That in the summer 1780 – he was again called on (it being the condition of his first enlistment to join the Army whenever called him) & joined the Army in the month of June, he

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<sup>1</sup> Anthony Wayne did not come into Virginia with his army until 1781. The veteran is clearly confused as to the dates and sequence of his service.

recollects that it was just before harvest but cannot state the precise time. He entered this time under Captain Cummins & Colonel Skiper commanded – he entered the Army as a private & in the same manner that he first entered it and by virtue of his first enlistment. The Army marched down the Country near Williamsburg after he joined it he was in no Battle this tour. Generals Wayne, Lawson & Baron Steuben was in command – the drawbridges at Chickahominy swamps were broken down by the British & burnt up so that the Army could not cross – the houses were burnt in the shipyard – the Army then marched still further down the country where he was discharged in the month of November 1780 but he cannot state the precise time. That he served in this tour at least 5 months. That he was verbally discharged by Captain Cummins.

That he still belonged to the Virginia Regulars and after staying at home some time he again in the winter of 1781 in January joined the Army between Dan River & some iron works – General Green [Nathanael Greene] commanded and one Wulkins [?]<sup>2</sup> was his Captain, \_\_\_ Gladwin [?]<sup>3</sup> was Major & Lynch was Colonel the Army marched to Guilford Court house North Carolina, at Guilford they had a Battle & we retreated to some iron works, the Battle commenced just before day this was in March 1781. We then went to Charlestown in South Carolina & crossed Stauten [Staunton?], Dan & Rocky Rivers & before the Army got to Charlestown – at Augusta he was discharged by Colonel Lynch, in writing which he has lost – his whole Regiment was discharged – at Rocky River the Army encamped some time, it was in Jinn [June?] when he was discharged – but does not recollect the day of the month – This time he served at least six months. That he served always as a private a Virginia Regular – & was subject to serve & did serve as above stated from September 1779 until June 1781 – with the exceptions of the times that he was at home as above stated. He states that he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose evidence he can procure by whom he can prove his services – that he has lived in Henry County for about 36 years, that he came to Kentucky after the revolutionary war where he has lived ever since. He states that John W Brite & Elisha Bishop persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood & who can & will testify to his character for veracity is good & that they believed that he served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution –

That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below – & as a private – for eight months in the first tour as above mentioned – four months in the second tour & six months in the third tour, as above stated – making in all not less than 18 months – & that he was always subject to be called on to serve from September 1779 until June 1781 and that he did not stay at home more than 2 months from said September 1779 until June 81 and for such service he claims a pension.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. Subscribed & sworn to on the day & year above mentioned.

S/ Joseph McGuire, X his mark

[John W Brite, a clergyman, and Elisha Bishop gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as

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<sup>2</sup> *Wulkins* Watkins?

<sup>3</sup> *Gladwin*

a private for 18 months in the Virginia militia.]