

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ralph Magee (McGee) S13894

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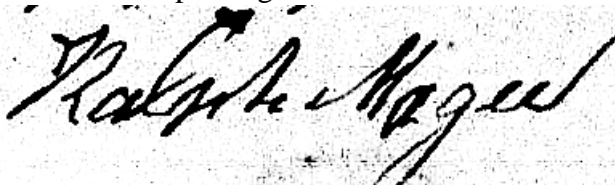
State of Kentucky Madison County: SS

On this 13 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Will Goodloe, James Dejarnett & Richard Broaddus justices of the County Court for the County of Madison aforesaid now sitting, Ralph Magee a resident of said County aged seventy-seven years, 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 of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That in 1777 or 1778 he went out in the militia from Brunswick County Virginia, he was first Sergeant in a Company commanded by John Macklin we were marched to Portsmouth Virginia & there stationed Colonel Harrison in the Continental Service as he thinks commanded at Portsmouth. That he was out on this Tour about ten [? could be "two"]¹ weeks – that he was again called out in the Militia in 1779 or '80 from Sussex County in Virginia again acted as first Sergeant in a [company] commanded by Grey Judkins, was stationed at Smithfield Virginia General Lawson was Commander was absent on this Tour two months – the object of our being called out was to guard the Country against the plundering attacks of the British – That late in the winter or early in the spring 1781 he was a third time called out in the Militia from Sussex County Virginia – acted as first Sergeant in a company commanded by William Myrick – Colonel Parker commanded a Frenchman by the name of DeCloman [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman] he thinks was Major – was stationed some time at a place called Edmunds Hill near the line between Virginia & North Carolina & was near the Great Dismal Swamp – the British were at the time at Portsmouth – after they left that place they were marched over into North Carolina to General Gregory's Troops – thence we marched towards Petersburg for the purpose of protecting the Country against the British who after leaving Portsmouth were sailing up towards Petersburg – that he continued in the Service sometime after his tour was out & until the relief or fresh troops were met near Petersburg – he was then discharged – this was a day or two before the Battle at Petersburg [April 25, 1781] – was out on this Tour nine or ten weeks – That he was again called out from Sussex in August 1781 in the Militia does not recollect the name of his Captain Colonel Book Wills commanded – acted again as first Sergeant – was marched down to Williamsburg & the Company to which he belonged was stationed on the out picket – recollects well when General Washington and the French Generals came to Williamsburg – he was on the out picket when they came up – we were stationed on the road they came from the North – He recollects well assisting to procure plank to enable carriages for the French mortar pieces – got it

[indecipherable word or words] Stono's mill – continued out on this Tour about 8 weeks – was discharged a few days before the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] – That he has no documentary evidence to prove his services & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Services – He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Ralph Magee

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ralph Magee". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

State of Kentucky Madison County: SS

On this 7th day of January 1833 personally [appeared] in open Court before the Justices of the Madison County Court now sitting Ralph McGee a resident of the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration supplementary to his declaration made in said Court on the 13th day of August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

That he cannot state with more certainty than he has in his original Declaration the different years when he served as a soldier of the Revolution. That he knows he served the different Tours therein stated. That he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of them that he was in the service as a soldier of the Revolution, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than 9 months as a soldier in the militia in the Revolutionary War & for such service he claims a pension. He feels entirely confident he served that long & always in the character of first Sergeant – He again states that he knows of no person by whose testimony he can prove his services – His best recollection is that he served his first Tour in 1778 & his second in 1780. The other two he is positive he served in 1781.

That he was born in Sussex County Virginia on the 14th September 1755. That he has a record of his age now in his possession taken from the record made by his father. He received he thinks a written discharge from Captain John Macklin or Colonel Harrison for his first Tour – he is not positive – nor is he certain whether he received any for the other Tours – he has none now – He states that Major Oswald Townsend & Hon. Rich Ricketts are his neighbors & can & have testified concerning his character & their belief of his services.

S/ Ralph Magee

[Hezekiah Ricketts, a clergyman and Oswald Townsend gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 9 months in the Virginia service.]