

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas McGrew S13895

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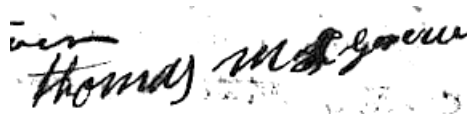
Commonwealth of Kentucky Calloway County } Sct.

On this 26th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before William Craddock a Justice of the Peace in & for the County and Commonwealth aforesaid Thomas McGrew a resident of said County and Commonwealth aforesaid aged near one hundred 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 & served as herein stated. When the war of the revolution commenced he was living on Broad River in Union County South Carolina where the greatest difficulties of the Country arose from the attack of the Indians and Tories against whom he was almost constantly engaged until he was called to go against the British. In the spring or summer of 1776 (he believes) he was first drafted and served three months under Capt. Jolly [Benjamin Jolly] of Union County he thinks he was called off about the time he finished planting corn which was about the first of May. This term of service was against the Indians: Upon his return home he found the Tories became so hostile that it was impossible or dangerous for him to stay at home and he immediately volunteered and served three or four Tours more (he does not recollect whether three or four times) of three months each under the same officers. These terms were mostly against the Indians part of the time however was against the Tories. He will state that he then moved to Pacolet River in Spartanburg County South Carolina where he volunteered again and served something upwards of two years most of the time under Capt. McDowell [James McDowell] but part of said time he was engaged under Capt. Parsons [Thomas Parsons] and Lieut. Maud [?].¹ During this time he was employed against the Indians British or Tories as occasion required. About to the conclusion of this Service he was marched under McDowell and joined the Army of General Green [Nathanael Greene] at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781] which was in the spring of the year '81. He thinks that upon joining the Army he with his company was placed under Col. Henderson [William Henderson]. That he served here during the whole of this Siege and that he was in the fight took place previous to raising the siege which was in the month of June. He states that he here frequently saw General Greene and knew several other officers among whom were Capt. Dockins and Col. Fair [probably Lieutenant Colonel William Farr]. After raising the Siege he states that he marched with the Army and General Greene to a place called the Cross Roads at

¹ *Thomas Moore* Could it possibly be "Moore"? Hugh Moore is known to have served as a lieutenant under Parsons in Roebuck's Regiment. Thomas Moore also served under Roebuck as a lieutenant.

which place he was detached from the Army and sent under Capt. Parsons and Lieut. Maud [?] against the Indians but was discharged shortly afterwards and went home. Upon his return home he found that his property was all or nearly all destroyed by the Tories whereupon he took his family and carried them back to Union County where he had lived before. He here also found it dangerous to stay at home and thought he had better be fighting than risking his life at home among the Tories and he immediately volunteered and served a six months tour under Capt. Jolly and Col. Steen [James Steen]. He marched under said officers and joined the Army of General Greene at the high hills of Santee he thinks in the month of August: during this tour he was generally engaged in scouting parties sent out to reconnoiter the Country, examine British stations and watch the movements of the British and Tories. He served out his time and returned home after his return home he was drafted and served a three months tour under Capt. Copeland [William Copeland] and Lieut. Watson [Samuel Watson]. He states that he marched towards Charleston to oppose a certain British officer by the name of McGirt [Daniel McGirt] who was quartering a squad of British near Bacon's Bridge against whom the claimant with his company was marched by said officers. After his three months had expired he was permitted to return home in the spring of eighty two. Upon his return he moved his family to [text missing, paper torn]vill County near Parsons station. After which he served another tour under Capt. Parsons for three months against the Tories principally which was his last term of service. He states that he believes he received regular discharges for all the terms of service in which he was engaged but that they have all been lost or destroyed perhaps near half a century ago nor does he recollect definitely how long he served but knows that he served through nearly all the war of the Revolution. He cannot say when he was born nor how old he is but knows that he is very old as he married his second wife about the commencement of the Revolution and some of his children were grown before the close of the war. He states that his mind and memory are so much impaired that it is impossible for him to recollect all the particulars of his service and that he has no documentary evidence thereof whatever nor any evidence which he can procure war to him known better than he here adduces. He was born and raised in Pennsylvania from which state he moved to South Carolina before the Revolution commenced from which place he moved to Kentucky twenty-five years ago where he has been living ever since. 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 the agency of any State whatever.

S/ Thomas McGrew

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas McGrew". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Thomas McGrew".

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

I Elisabeth McGrew do hereby certify that I lived in Union County and also Spartanburg County South Carolina during the war of the Revolution. That I was well acquainted with Thomas McGrew who hath subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration during his residence in those counties: That to my knowledge he was almost constantly absent from home in the Army of the United States during his residence in said counties: and that I believe he served out the terms under the officers and in the manner and form as he states. I do also certify that for several years and during the whole of the time that the said Thomas speaks of in his declaration as having served in the Revolution while residing in those counties: the Tories were so troublesome that he could not stay at home and that from '76 till the year '82 nearly all his time was employed in the Army in opposing either the Indians Tories or British I was about 17 or 18 years of age

when the Revolution commenced and could within any reasonable time after the Revolution have specified the particular terms of his service and the officers under whom he served but from the long lapse of time and from my age & infirmity I find it now to be impossible however [I] recollect many of the officers under whom he served particularly Captains Jolly, Parsons and McDowell and Col. Steen but I cannot state the particular terms of his engagements under said officers although I know he served under them for several years as he states.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ellisebeth McGrew

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ellisebeth McGrew". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat fluid and connected.

[Gabriel Washburn, a clergyman, and John Holland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]