

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McGuire S13896

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United States of America Kentucky District Ct.

James McGuire a citizen of the United States and a resident of Franklin County & State of Kentucky, this day came before me, Robert Trimble District Judge of the United States in & for the District aforesaid, and for the purpose of obtaining a pension from the Government of the United States under the provisions of the act of Congress passed the __ day of March 1818 to provide for "certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War &c" did declare upon oath that on the 6th day of March in the year 1776 in Botetourt County Virginia he enlisted as a private soldier in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war with Great Britain in the Company of Captain Thomas Posey of the 7th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Alexander McClanachan for two years: – that he served in said Regiment about one year, & was then detached into Colonel Daniel Morgan's rifle Regiment in which he continued to serve until the expiration of his two years; that at the expiration of said two years he reenlisted again in Captain Posey's Company and Colonel Alexander McClanachan's Regiment for three years and continued in service during the said three years & was at the end of that term discharge from the service by Colonel Febiger [Christian Febiger]; but that he has long since lost his discharge: That he was in various Skirmishes & battles with the British and particularly at the taking of Burgoyne at Saratoga, he further declared that he is in such reduced circumstances in life as to need the assistance of his country for support & that he has never received any pension from the United States or any of them.

S/ James McGuire, X his mark

Sworn to before made this 2nd day of February 1820

S/ Robert Tremble, District Judge

Also Colonel Anthony Crockett¹ came before me & being first duly sworn did depose and say that the deponent was a private Soldier in Captain Thomas Posey's Company of the 7th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in the revolutionary war with Great Britain; and knows that the above mentioned James McGuire served as a private soldier in Captain Posey's company & in the 7th Virginia Regiment aforesaid commanded by Colonel Alexander McClanachan from early in March 1776 until the spring 1777: = that in the spring 1777 Captain Posey's Company was detached from that Regiment & attached to Colonel Daniel Morgan's Rifle Regiment in which the deponent & the said McGuire continued to serve together until he thinks the fall 1777

¹ [Anthony Crockett S10492](#)

when the deponent's term of service as well as McGuire's expired & they were discharged they remained together for 2 years [several indecipherable words] that the deponent then left the service, but the said McGuire reenlisted again for three years in Posey's Company; & the deponent left him in the service; – that he & the said McGuire were together at the taking of Burgoyne at Saratoga; at which time, we took from the enemy a brass field piece, which the deponent again assisted in taking from the British in the late war, in 1813, upon the Thomas [?], the British having reacquired it at Detroit: the deponent says that the said McGuire was a good & faithful soldier & served the United States as such in the war of the Revolution against Great Britain upwards of twenty months within the deponent's knowledge, & as before stated reenlisted into service, when the deponent left it: = that the said McGuire is old & in so reduced in his circumstances in life as to need the assistance of his country for support.

S/ A. Crockett

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Crockett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

State of Kentucky Anderson County: Sct.

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Anderson County aforesaid which was lately a part of Franklin County James McGuire aged 85 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That in conformity of the Law of the United States of March 18th 1818 he adduced satisfactory evidence of his service in the Revolutionary war and was placed on the Pension Roll of the Kentucky agency but has since been precluded there from on account of Property, hence he has been advised a repetition of his evidence of service is not necessary on the present occasion. 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 or Agency of any state whereby he would have right to draw the Pension or annuity.

S/ James McGuire

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State of Kentucky Woodford County

This day John Allen² of said County personally appeared before me James McConnell one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace in and for said County who being first duly sworn saith on his oath that he together with James McGuire now of Anderson County in Kentucky were in service and Colonel Daniel Morgan's Regiment at the defeat of Burgoyne at Saratoga in the revolutionary war and was enlisted for and served in said Regiment 3 years and the affiant saith that he has been long and well acquainted with said James McGuire. I do also certify that I am well acquainted with the said John Allen & that he is a man of veracity and entitled to full credit given under my hand this 10th day of June 1833.

S/ Jas. McConnell JP

² [John Allen S30818](#)

[Facts in file: veteran died August 28, 1838. The date and place of his birth is not shown. The file contains no family data

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing February 2, 1820 . He was suspended under the 1818 act based on the amount of property shown in his schedule made under the 1820 act. Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

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Addendum to James McGuire S13896

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that James McGuire served as a soldier first in my company in the 7th Virginia Continental Regiment, & afterward in the Rifle Regiment under the command of Col. Dan'l Morgan [Daniel Morgan]; during which time he served as a faithfull & good soldier. He enlisted early in the year 1776 & was discharged early in 1783.

Given under my hand this 13th day of Nov'r 1805

Tho Posey [Thomas Posey BLWt1733-450] a Lt Col
in the Revolutionary war