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Pension application of Allegany (Aleygane) McGuire (McGwier) S2797

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[Note: Digital images of this application on both [Fold3.com](#). and [HeritageQuest.com](#) are very poor – use the transcription with more than the usual care.]

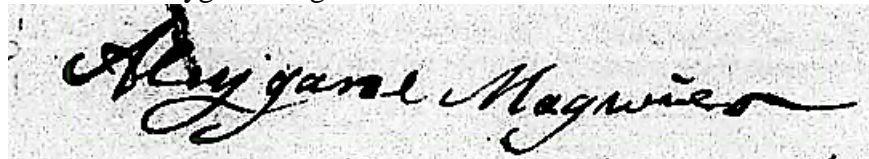
State of Tennessee Maury County: On this 13th day of June 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the County Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting Allegany McGuire a Resident of the County aforesaid aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to Obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the State of Virginia Cumberland County Applicant thinks about the year 1776 he entered the Service of the United States as a Volunteer for six months under Captain Charles Scott [two or more words too faint to discern] the appointment of orderly Sergeant at Cumberland Court house, marched from thence to Williamsburg from Williamsburg to York then to Hampton where applicant states he could see the British lying in the Bay from the Steeple [?] for which tour he received a Discharge from his Captain. Afterwards applicant states his Father removed to Henry County he thinks the next year (Still in the State of Virginia) – where he entered the service again as a volunteer under Captain Burrell Reeves [could this be a mistaken attempt to identify Capt. Frederick Reeves of Henry County VA?] for nine months And again was appointed orderly Sergeant Rendezvoused at Francis [?] on Maho [Mayo?] Creek marched from there to Salisbury in the State of North Carolina lay there some length of time and from that point he thinks the command fell on the Lieutenant Choice [perhaps Lt. Tully Choice¹ of Henry County VA] until they joined General Lincoln's Army in South Carolina where Captain Dogett [Doggett?] took the command of the company & continued as [?] his orderly Sergeant. Applicant thinks it was not long after the Army was marched on to a place called Stono where they had a Battle [June 20, 1779]. Applicant remembers well of his Captain being wounded there and that he was with him until he died and he helped to bury him and after Captain Dogett was dead the command of the company fell on Lieutenant Choice again and he commanded until Applicant was discharged but applicant cannot remember by whom his discharge was signed from here returned home. Shortly after his arrival home entered Service again as a Substitute for a certain Stinard [?] Richardson for six months under the same Captain Burrell Reeves rendezvoused at Henry Court-house from there we marched for Hillsboro North Carolina from there to Santee where we lay sometime Applicant thinks this tour he was at several points in the State [of] South Carolina as well as the North State but remembers there being marched to Camden in South Carolina & there discharged by Captain

¹ [Tully Choice W3774](#)

Reeves from Camden Applicant says he returned home to Henry County in Virginia Joining the State of North Carolina – Applicant says he thinks it was late in the fall of the year when he entered the Service again as a volunteer under Captain Williams of North Carolina and served nine months and the same Lieutenant Choice [?] he served under with Captain Reeves they marched on to Hillsboro where they were stationed at a long time from there Applicant thinks they marched to the Yadkin River from there marched night and day until they joined General Gates and he thinks it was not long before the two armies met well recollects of their having to stand on their arms all night and about day light the battle [August 15-16, 1780, Battle of Camden or Battle of Gates' Defeat] commenced and he was on the left wing next to a great [?] Swamp and he had to take to the swamp and make the best of his way home. Applicant states his clear knowledge of the above tour it being the most hazardous and painful he had during the war, he again made his way to Henry County and never received any discharge but knows he served the full nine months. After which he was generally at Governor Henry's Stationed and made no other Regular tour during the war. After the close of the war he [was] in need and moved to the frontiers of Georgia where he served as an Indian Spy for about two years under Capt. Wade Rid [?] and Capt. George Alexander and was at Stono[?] Treaty held by General Blackmore [?] he was then a Spy – applicant declares he cannot state his different routes, dangers and fatigues he went through during this Service but expects his name could be found on the Spy Company Rolls – Applicant states this is the second Application² he has made to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 but in consequence of their not being any dates to ascertain how long he served and the inarticulate [?] manner his declaration was drawn and certified, it was returned some few months past and he being counseled draw another and have it duly qualified humbly submits the above &c. Applicant has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service.

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.

S/ Aleygane Magwier

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aleygane Magwier". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized, typical of the late 18th or early 19th century.

[James Y. Green, a clergyman, and James Huey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]\

Q Where and in what year were you born

A. In Cumberland County State of Virginia Willis Creek in the year 1757

Q 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have and can present the same – as a Transcript from my Father's family record Allegany Mc was born August the 6th 1757

Q 3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

A. I lived in Cumberland County State of Virginia when called into service first then my father moved to Henry County where I continued to serve in the Army – and there lived until the close of the war then moved to the frontiers of Georgia Elbert County from there to Tennessee where I have been living in this County twenty-four or five years and where I now live –

² There is no evidence of the first application filed by veteran in this file.

Q 4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

Ans. I volunteered every tour I served but one six months tour I substituted for my uncle Stenard Richardson

Q 5th State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you Serve Such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your Services

Ans. I recollect General Lincoln General Gates and many I can recollect of seeing but cannot recollect all their names has so the Regiment I have forgot what their number was I was in almost all my tours generally detached from place to place and my memory fails so that I can state places better than I can remember names

Q 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans. I did receive a discharge from Captain Charles Scott for my first 6 months tour also I received a discharge for nine months after Captain Dogett was killed but cannot recollect who signed I had another from Captain Reeves in the last 9 months I never got one out well recollect of having these discharges many years but having my house burned in the State of Georgia expects they were burned I never have seen them since when Serving as a Spy on the frontiers of Georgia I think there was never any discharge given

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

A. George Bear, John Crawford Elisha Hurt [?] Esq. James Hughy Esq. Col. James K. Polk

[p 3: On June 28, 1843 in McNairy County Tennessee, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension benefit saying that he had moved from Hardin County Tennessee to McNairy County Tennessee and wished his pension to be payable in Jackson Tennessee in the future rather than in Nashville Tennessee in that he intended to live with his son (not named) in McNairy County so that he could be taken care of in his old age. This document was signed with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$105 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service for 15 months as a Sergeant and 9 months as a private in the Virginia service.]

[Note: In the true spirit of being a team, C. Leon Harris adds the following notes:

Regarding Capt Reeves and Stono Ferry: "he entered the service again as a volunteer under Captain Burrell Reeves [could this be a mistaken attempt to identify Capt. Frederick Reeves of Henry County VA?] for nine months And again was appointed orderly Sergeant Rendezvoused at Francis [?] on Maho [Mayo?] Creek"

I think you are correct in thinking "Burrell Reeves" was Frederick Reeves. In the pension application of Tully Choice (W3774), William Choice³ (W3656) stated "Tully Choice and this deponent entered the service of the United States in the said State of Virginia, commanded by Capt. Frederick Reeves, in which company the said Tully Choice was Lieutenant and marched to Salisbury No Ca where Capt. Reeves, whose company was too small, was turned back and his

³ [William Choice W3656](#)

company joined Capt. Witekers under the command of the said Tully as Lieutenant."

In his own pension application, William Choice stated that he "marched under the command of Frederick Reeves Captain and Tully Choice his brother Lieutenant as far as Statesburg [Statesville?] in the state of North Carolina, from which place Capt. Reeves returned home and Lieutenant Tully Choice continued in command till the declarant arrived as Salisbury North Carolina where the army was stationed under the command of Col. [David] Mason and Major Burrell." The name of the Major may be the source of the confusion about Reeves's name. Tully Choice was in the Henry (not Pittsylvania) County Militia.

According to William French⁴ (S37943) the rendezvous was at "The house of Henry Francis on the South Mayho [Mayo] river." There is no Maho or Mayo Creek, but there is a South Mayo River.

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The only Captain "Dogett" I know of from that area was Chatton Doggett of the Bedford County Militia, but he was not at Stono Ferry and was still active a year later. There was a Capt. Richard Doggett from SC at Stono Ferry, but he did not die there. I can't imagine who Magwier had in mind.

⁴ [William French S37943](#)