

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas McGeorge S2801

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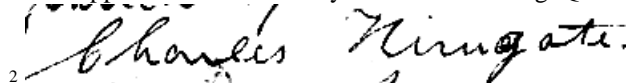
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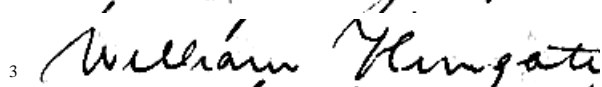
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State of Tennessee Warren County

On this 10th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open court in the court of pleas and quarter sessions for said County Thomas McGeorge aged seventy-four the 23rd of January last, a resident of said County and State 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 7th of June 1832. This applicant states that in April 1778 he entered the service of the United States in Battetout [Botetourt] County Virginia for six months as a substitute for Charles Nimgate [?]² in Captain Joseph Winfro's Company, which was organized at Colonel Preston's [William Preston's] in ~~said County of~~ Montgomery the object of said company was to guard and protect the frontiers from the incursions of the Indians William Hingate [?]³ Ensign of said company was stationed at Weather's Fort on Sinking Creek a branch of New River with 16 men this applicant was one of them and remained at said Fort until his time expired when he was discharged and went home. This applicant again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in May 1779 in Captain Eason's company for six months organized in Botetourt County Virginia and marched on to the lead mines in Montgomery County now Wythe County on New River to guard them from the Tories when his time expired he was discharged and went home. This applicant again entered the service of his country in June 178? [last digit unclear] as a volunteer for 6 months under Colonel Charles Linch [Charles Lynch] in Captain Cummins[?] company which was organized at Patterson's mill marched from there to the lead mines to guard them against the Tories remained there till his term expired was discharged and returned home. Again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in Captain Eason's company in February 1781 which organized on the waters of Smith's River in Franklin or Bedford County where the company joined Colonel Hugh Crockett's Regiment which marched on to Guilford County North Carolina and there joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army. General Green detached Colonel Crockett with his Regiment to big Alamance in said County where Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] was stationed at that time. Colonel Crockett fired on the enemy and retreated in order to draw them out from their encampment so that Colonel Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] light horse might charge on them but the enemy refused to

¹ This application is incorrectly indexed in HeritageQuest.com as "McGeroge, Thomas"

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follow our troops we had four men killed we then returned to Green's Army in a few days Colonels Crockett & Preston with their regiments were sent over the Reedy fork of Haw River to annoy the enemy and came in contact with the whole British Army near Whitesills [Whitsel's, Whitesell's, Weitzel, etc., March 6, 1781] ~~after fighting some time our troops retreated~~ our troops were encamped and information came that the enemy were coming to attack us we retreated from our encampment and our Regiment recrossed said River at a ford and drew up in Battle array on the opposite bank Colonel Preston's Regiment were attacked before they could get across. Colonel C Regiment fought until they were driven from their position by the enemy we then retreated to the main Army again where we remained until the battle of Guilford on the 15th of March 1781 our troops were drawn up in battle array about a mile from the old court house at the cross roads the regulars were put in the center and Colonel C Regiment were put on the extreme left [of] the left wing commanded by Colonel Campbell in this position the enemy attacked us part of our troops retreated. Applicant served three months this tour and was discharged and went home. Applicant was afterward appointed by Colonel William Ward to purchase provisions for the British prisoners which had been moved from Albemarle Barracks to Winchester his contract for three months in that employ he then returned home and never entered the service of his country again – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Applicant has no documentary evidence in his possession but he received a written discharge from Captain McClenehan for the Guilford tour which he left with his papers in Virginia 1816 and perhaps it is there yet applicant has written for it twice but has received no answer to his letters and he knows of no person by whom he can prove the same except Levi Loyd whose statement is hereto annexed and who would not attend court there is no clergyman residing in the immediate neighborhood of affiant

Answers to the interrogatories directed to be put by the war Department says he was born in Hanover County Virginia on the 23rd of January 1758 has no record of his age, lived in Botetourt County Virginia during the revolutionary war and until December 1813 when he moved to Kentucky Knox County where he remained until August 1822 when he moved to Warren County Tennessee where he has since lived except a short time in Franklin Tennessee and Blunt [Blount] Alabama he entered the service the first tour as a substitute for Charles Hingate [?] every other time he volunteered received a written discharge on 19th of March 1781 for a three months tour which was left in Virginia with his papers, signed by Captain William McClenehan to whose company he was attached after Captain Eason left the service which took place a short time before the battle of Guilford at which time Amos Graham and applicant attached themselves to McClenehan's company and continued until 19th of March 1781 as an orderly Sergeant, he served with General Green and Stephenson [probably a mistaken attempt to refer to General Edward Stevens], Colonels Washington [William Washington] and Lee in the Guilford tour he has [appears to me that one or more pages of this application are missing in both the Fold3.com and HeritageQuest.com versions] Applicant is acquainted in his neighborhood with Adam Northcutt, William Nunnally, Ephraim Fulsi, David Woodlie and there is no clergyman residing in his immediate neighborhood of applicant.

S/ Tho. McGeorge

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State of Tennessee Warren County: This day personally appeared Levy Loyd before me Kinchen Matthews one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County at my house in said

County and made oath in due form of law that I was personally acquainted with Thomas McGeorge in the time of the Revolution war that he lived in the same Company I did and lived at old Thomas Gadson, he lived in Botetourt County State of Virginia at time he went into service to the Battle of Guilford and every man came home – Except himself and Amos Graham – and it was some considerable time before they returned from service to Towers [Tours Recollect of Thomas McGeorge serving in the old revolutionary War was one under Colonel Charles Lynch and one other Tour under Captain Samuel Eason I also was well acquainted [with] Thomas Gadson in the time of the Revolutionary War. I also was well acquainted with said Thomas McGeorge and his conduct in the time of the War I think also was good a Whig as ever fired a gun. Given under my hand this 5th of October 1833

S/ Levy Loyd, X his mark

[Facts in file: Veteran died April 27, 1834.]

Of Salisbury March 4th 1831, for service as a private for 18 months and as a Sergeant for 3 months in the Virginia service.]