

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McGuire S31244

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State of Kentucky Morgan County } Sgt.

On this 19th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Morgan County Court now sitting John McGuire a resident of the County of Morgan in the State of Kentucky aged seventy-six years on the 22nd day of April 1832, 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, viz. under General George R. Clark [George Rogers Clark], Colonel Benjamin Logan, Colonel James Herod [James Harrod or, more likely, a mistaken reference to William Harrod?], Major Hugh McGarry [Hugh McGary], and Capt. __ Kellah [probably Abraham Keller or Kellar]. That he entered the service about the 20th of July 1780 being drafted in Mercer County Virginia at that time, that they proceeded at the Pickaway Town upon the little Miami [River] at which place they fought the Indians in which action the above named officers were all engaged. He continued in active service upon this campaign about four weeks & returned to his residence in Mercer County, Virginia, but still remained subject to be called upon whenever necessity required his service – That late in the month of October 1782 he again entered into active service that the Army met in Mercer County and marched to the Big Miami [River] in the State of Ohio where the Indians fled at the approach of the Army and he continued upon this Campaign about 5 weeks under all the above named officers with the exception of Captain __ Kellah and that Captain James Ray occupied his place. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure in relation to his service in this part of the Country. He states at the time entered the service he was a resident citizen of Mercer County in the then State of Virginia, that he is now a resident Citizen of Morgan County Kentucky. He 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John McGuire, X his mark

[Ambrose Jones, a clergyman, and John Hammons gave the standard supporting affidavit]

State of Kentucky Morgan County: SS

¹ The image of the application dated in 1833 as posted on Fold3.com is illegibly faint. Although faint, most of the application can be read as posted on HeritageQuest.com.

On this 2nd day of September 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the court of Morgan County now sitting John McGuire a resident of Morgan County and State of Kentucky 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated –

That he entered the Service on the 20th day of July 1780 and served until the 20th day of August 1780 under Captain __ Keller [probably Abraham Keller] – Benjamin Logan was Colonel and that he resided in Mercer County & State of ~~Kentucky~~ ^{Virginia} was marched against the Indians from Mercer County to the Pickaway Town on the Miami River. That he was enrolled on his return home as a minute man or subject to call of the County commander until October 1782 when he again entered the service late in October 1782 under Captain James Ray Benjamin Logan was Colonel George R Clark [George Rogers Clark] was our General I served until the last of November 1782 was marched from Mercer County to the place known by the name of the high Rock Town on the Big Miami River –

That he returned home and again served under Lieutenant Ebenezer Choice [?]² as a Spy, Ranger and guard in the Frontiers against the Indians on the waters of the Ohio River from the __ day of April 1783 to the __ of May 1783 being ordered out for one month –

The Court propounded the following interrogatories

First where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Ireland in the year 1756

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

Answer – I have none

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

Answer – When called into the service I lived in Mercer County ~~Kentucky~~ Virginia and have lived in Kentucky ever since the revolutionary war and now live in Morgan County Kentucky.

4. How were you called into Service were you Drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom –

Answer – I was Drafted –

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general Circumstances of your Services

Answer – George Rogers Clark General

Benjamin Logan Colonel

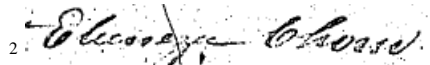
James Hard [?] Colonel

Hugh McGarey Major [Hugh McGary]

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 never received a written discharge the troops were discharged by the officers after the term of service had expired for which we were called into service.

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



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The War Department interpreted this name as either "Chom" or "Chern."

Answer John Williams Esquire [illegibly faint name]

That he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person convenient or who he can procure by whom he can prove his Service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John McGuire, X his mark

[Joseph Nickell [?], a clergyman and John Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died April 10, 1837; there is reference in 1853 to the veteran having and "only child" but no name was given

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]