

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel McGee S31249

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Woodford County St On this 9 day of August 1832 personally appeared in before the County Court of Woodford Samuel McGee aged between Eighty two and Eighty three years a resident of Woodford County & State of Kentucky who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War That he first went in as a volunteer under Capt. Peter Perkins in Virginia He was Then Transfered to the Regular Service under Capt. Thomas Hudjins [probably Thomas Hutchins] — That he was at the Battle at Guins Island [sic: Gwynn Island VA, 8-10 Jul 1776] he the Lived[?] under Capt Owen Ruebel [see note below], William Spener Major and was at the Battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and at Gilfort where General Gates Commanded [sic: see note below] he then went into the Militia sevice under Capt Penn [sic: Col. Abram Penn]. George Waller Major he was at the Batle at Pijion Hill [see note below] where we Took sixty nine prisoners & was at the Taking of Corn Wallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] and was in all About six years in the United States Service. That he was Honourably discharged by Maj George Waller at Little York that he got his house burnt in 1818 when all his papers & his discharge was consumed

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 any agency in any state or terrtory - signed & sworn to the date above

Samuel hisXmark McGee

[Several lines evidently missing]

statement or declaration agreeable to the Instructions of the Honourable Secretary at War in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, which is to be attached to his former statement made before the County Court of Woodford on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 and be a part thereof. That he served all the Time that he was in service as a private soldier That from the length of time since he served and his extreme aald age he cannot state postively how long he served under The different Officers but he knows he was more than four years & he thinks about six in the service To whoose Companies he severally belonged he served with Capt P Perkins and Capt Thomas Hudjins Nine months That he served under Capt Owen Ruebel three months he then served under Capt Penn George Waller Major & William Spiner Colo. He further states that owing to his house having been burned together with all his papers he has no documentary Evidence of his services nor can he procure any — he states that he was born in the state of Virginia in the County of New Kent on the first day of March 1750 oldstile [sic: old style; 1751 according to the present Gregorian calendar] and that the register of his age was burned in his house That he lived in the County of Pitsylvania in the state of Virginia when he was called into service or rather when he volunteered and went into the service of the United States That his Family remained at the same place where he occasionally visited them by permission of his different Commanders but he himself lived in the army till the close of the War he then Removed to Tennessee lived there four years he then removed to South Carolina and lived four years there & then moved to Kentucky and about Thirty five years past he setle in the County of Woodford & has resided there Eversince & still resides there. That his Neighbours who know him and can testify as to his Character for veracity and their belief of his being a soldier of the Revolution are the clerk of the Court Willis Field Sheriff of the County Samuel Berry one of the Justices of the peace together with the other members of the Court Samuel Morrow Gen'l Marques Calmeez[?] Charles Bailey Samuel P Menzies & many others

signed & sworn to the date above

Samuel hisXmark McGee

[Paul Green certified that he became acquainted with McGee at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on 15 Mar 1781. In Green's own pension application (S10767), however, he claimed to have been a prisoner for nine months after being captured at the Battle of Camden on 16 Aug 1780.]

Commonwealth of Kentuckey Woodford County Towit on this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court Samuel McGee aged between Eighty three & Eighty four years a resident of Woodford County & state of Kentuckey who being First sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following amendatory statement or declaration agreeable to the Instructions of the Honourable Secretary at War in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 which is to be attached to his former statements made before the County Court of Woodford on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1832, and on the 7 of January 1833 and to be a part Thereof. that he first entered in to the service as a volunteer under Capt Peter Perkins in 1776 for one month & was then Transferred to the the [illegible word] service under Col Penn when we went to Guilford & the Cowpens Then served four months: I then served under Col. William Spener & was under him at the taking of Cornwallace. I served under the other officers as I have before stated was at the Battle at Gwins Island at Guilford The Cowpens & Pigeon Hill at York Commanded by Col William Spener George Waller Major & Owin Reubel Captain They were all Militia officers. Being Interrogated by the Court he states that he was born the 1<sup>s</sup> day of March 1750 oldstile & that he has no register of his age he was living in Pittsylvania County in virginia when he went into the service he has lived in South Carolina & Tennessee since the revolutionary war and now lived in Woodford County Kentuckey as before stated: When he first Entered the service he volunteered & was then [one or two illegible words] the Regular service the Names of the Regular officers Col Abraham or Gabriel Penn was the Colo George Waller Major & Col Wm Spiner who was a Militia Col he received his discharge at Williamsburg after the siege of York which was burnt in his home as before stated he has stated the names of persons to whom he was known in his Neighborhood who can Testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier to which he will add John Mcquady [or McQuaddy or McQuidy, pension application W7603] an old Revolutionary soldier James Elliott William Hancock & he could add many others he served from 1776 the time he first Entered the service till the end of the war when he was discharged being permitted at Intervals to visit his Family but never remained any length of time with them signed & sworn to the above date

Samuel hisXmark McGee

NOTES:

“Owen Ruebel” was evidently Owen Rubell, who was actually in the militia of Henry County VA. Abram Penn and George Waller, mentioned later, were also militia officers from that county. Henry County was formed from Pittsylvania County in 1777.

Gen. Horatio Gates commanded in the South only at the Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780 and was then replaced by Gen. Nathanael Greene, who commanded at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781.

Pigeon Hill was the site of redoubts abandoned by the British after a only a minor skirmish. McGee may have meant the American capture of Redoubt 10 on 14 Oct.

McGee died 27 Dec 1836.