

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Christopher McGraw S36096  
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State of Kentucky, Fayette County Sst.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Circuit Judges for the State aforesaid, personally appeared Christopher McGraw, resident in said County and State, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War." That he the said McGraw enlisted in the year 1776 in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Capt James Winchester [pension application W23] of the 2 Regiment of the Maryland Continental Line, that he continued to serve in said corps, or in the service of the United States, as a Drumer until the conclusion of the War, when he was discharged from service in Fredericktown [Frederick] in the state of Maryland; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] and others; that he has now no other evidence of said services in his power, having lost his discharge; that he is now between fifty six & 60 years of age, decreped, in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has never rec'd. a pension from the United States.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesid. Benj. Johnson/ Circuit Judge

I James Morrison declare on oath as follows, viz. I have known the above named Christopher McGraw for about thirty years: first at Pittsburgh, where he passed as a man who had served during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain as a Drummer in the Maryland line. I saw him acting as a Drummer in Cap'n. Edward Butlers Company under the Command of Gen'l. A. StClair in the year 1791 [Arthur St. Clair's defeat, October 1791] where he was wounded & lost an eye: have known him as a Citizen of this state for about twenty years: have no doubt but that he was a soldier during the Revolutionary War: but did not know any thing of him until that war was over. He is old, decrepid and poor: and stands in need of the Aid of his Country: as he is altogether unable to support himself by labour.

Sworn to before me according to Law this 13<sup>th</sup> of May 1818 Benj. Johnson/ Circuit Judge

State of Kentucky Ss.

Personally appeared before me the subscriber, Judge of the Fayette Circuit Court of the State of Kentucky afs, Richard Pindell [S30653], who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that he acted as Surgeon of the Maryland line of the continental establishment of the revolutionary War. That Christopher McGraw, an applicant for a pension under the late act of Congress, and under date of the 13<sup>th</sup> May 1818 was personally known to him the deponent whilst acting as a Drummer for the Troops of the said line and that he knows him to be the person he represents himself to be. Given under my hand June 23 1819.

B. Wills

Auditor's Office, Annapolis, October 5<sup>th</sup> 1819

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Christopher McGraw enlisted as a Drummer in the Second Maryland Regiment, on the First day of April 1777 and was on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Nov. 1780 present Thos. Karney Aud. S. M.

State of Kentucky Jessamine County Court January Term 1821

Be it remembered that Christopher McGraw this day appeared in open court and produced a schedule under the act concerning invalid Pensioners of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1820 which is ordered to be entered of record in the words and figures following Viz (Schedule) District of Kentucky Ss on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y 1821 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district and possessing

power to fine and imprison for contempt Christopher McGraw aged 60 years resident in said county in said district, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows; he enlisted under Captain (late General) James Winchester in Winchester, Maryland in the year 1777 as a drummer in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maryland Regiment to serve for three years, near the expiration of which time he again enlisted for during the war under Captain Gassaway [John Gassaway W8842] of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maryland Regiment under Colo John Stewart and served till discharged at Frederick town Maryland by Colo Hardman [probably Maj. Henry Hardman] & was in the battles of Germantown, Brndywine, Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Guilford court house [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and Eutaw springs and long afterward lost one eye and was wounded in the right leg in St Clairs defeat.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. No property of any kind except my wearing apparel, My occupation is still drumming (when ever I am able) for the state Militia by which I earn a little money now and then. I have no debts due me and am indebted about \$9.12½ no family. the number of my certificate in 12319

Christopher McGraw