

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas McGee S4194

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State of Tennessee, Humphreys County: County Court October Sessions 1833

On this day the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County of Humphreys, Thomas McGee, a Resident of Humphreys County aforesaid, aged Eighty four 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted and entered the service of the United States in July 1777 and served under the following named officers, viz.: That he enlisted under Captain Templeton in the town of Baltimore (State of Maryland) the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Brown. That he (the applicant) was marched by order of and with Colonel Brown from Baltimore to Savannah in Georgia – and served in, what was then called the 4<sup>th</sup> Georgia Battalion, he cannot tell the name or number of the Regiment. From Savannah he was marched to Altamaha River and from thence, back to Savannah, and from thence to Augusta, and from thence to Brier Creek,<sup>1</sup> where the Americans under General Ash [John Ashe], were defeated by the British – and this Applicant and Captain Templeton, under whom he had continued in service, were both taken prisoners. He remained a prisoner about 48 hours and then made his escape swimming the Savannah River at a place called the Two Sisters [Ferry], and went to the State of North Carolina, Burke County, making a term of service of two years.

In Burke County he volunteered and joined the service with Drew Cade Captain and Col. Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] – with whom he returned to Augusta in Georgia, and besieged a party of British and Tories commanded by a Colonel Brown [Thomas “Burntfoot” Brown], who being reinforced by a party from Savannah, compelled the Americans to retreat.<sup>2</sup> At this place the Declarant was wounded in the hip and was conveyed on horseback to Kings Mountain, where Captain Cade joined Colonel Campbell [William Campbell] and was near the battleground at the time of Ferguson's [Patrick Ferguson's] defeat [October 7, 1780], but on account of his wound, was not able to be in the action.<sup>3</sup> He was conveyed from thence, by Colonel Campbell, in company with the British prisoners, to Moravian Town. He continued in the neighborhood of that place about two weeks, having performed a tour of service of six months. He then volunteered under Captain Joel Lewis in Wilkes County North Carolina, and joined Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] and marched him to Guilford Court house.<sup>4</sup> This declarant was in the battle fought there, and was marched from thence under General Green [sic Nathanael

<sup>1</sup> March 3, 1779 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm> & <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

<sup>2</sup> Veteran is referring to the first siege of Augusta by Clarke in September 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/augustag.htm> & <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>

<sup>3</sup> October 7, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/kingsmtn.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html)

<sup>4</sup> March 15, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/guilfordcourthouse.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

Greene] to Ninety Six<sup>5</sup> where he was discharged after having performed a tour of three months. He then volunteered in Captain Thomas Harvey's company of mounted militia, Samuel Hammonds [Samuel Hammond] Colonel – under command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens]. The service he was here engaged in was scouring the Country after Tories. After scouting some time General Pickens joined General Greene at the Eutaw Springs,<sup>6</sup> this Declarant was in the battle fought at this place. From Eutaw he was marched back towards Ninety Six and there discharged after having served a tour at this time of 10 months, and in the aggregate, the amount of three years and seven months that he served as a private soldier in the service of the United States.

He was born in Randolph County North Carolina February 17, 1749.

He has no written record of his age and only states the day and date of his birth from information derived from his mother.

He was living in Pittsylvania County Virginia at the time of or just previous to his entering into Service, but had gone to Baltimore on business. After being dismissed from the service he returned to Pittsylvania County and continuing a short time went into Stokes County North Carolina where he married & continued several years he then moved to the State of Tennessee and has been a resident for all about forty years of Tennessee State – and for the last ten years a citizen of Humphreys County. He enlisted, was made a prisoner, his escape – but never rejoined his Regiment – all the services performed by him afterwards was as a volunteer.

He recollects the names of no other Regular officers who were with the troops with whom he served, only those already named – and has no recollection of the names of the Continental or militia Regiments.

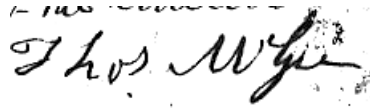
That he only received a discharge for his last tour of service – which discharge has long since been lost.

He refers to Ephraim Perkins Esq. and Isaac Little, Thomas Simpson, Joel Ridens & others of said County for his character and saith as there is no clergyman in his neighborhood with whom he is acquainted.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service and that he knows of no persons living by whom he can prove the same or any part thereof, except the persons whose certificates are hereunto annexed.

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 or Territory of the United States.

S/ Thos McGee



Sworn to in Open Court 30<sup>th</sup> October 1833

S/ D. P. Herrelson, Clerk

[Ephraim Perkins, a JP, Thomas Simpson and Joel Ridins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Henry County:

Personally came Thomas Holleman who was aged 63 years before me John Young one of the acting Justices of the peace of the said County and made oath in due form of law that he Holleman was and is acquainted with Thomas McGee and that he was acquainted with said McGee he went a soldier serving under Capt. Drew Kade (or Cade) in the American Revolutionary War but whether a Regular

<sup>5</sup> Late May to early June 1781, Greene laid siege to the outpost at Ninety Six. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ninety-six.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

<sup>6</sup> September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

or Militia not recollected but that he had the reputation of being a true Whig and faithful soldier I do know and that he is now poor and needy I also know.

Given under my hand first of September 1833

S/ John Young, JP

S/ Thomas Holleman

[Burrel Philips, 65, and Stephen Stubblefield, 65, each gave an affidavit substantially identical to that given by Thomas Holleman except they each state the name of the officer as Capt. Drew Kabe (or Cabe). Their affidavits were given before Demsey White, JP.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]