

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William McGuyer (McGuire): S5746

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia}

Tazwell [sic: Tazewell] County}

On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the the Circuit Superior court of Law & chancery of the county of Tazwell aforsaid William McGuire a resident of the county of Tazwell and state aforsaid aged Seventy four or seventy five 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 provision made by the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That, he enlisted in the army of the united States in the month of September 1776. with Capt. [Matthew] Arbuckle, that he does not recollect the regiment in which he served, he served during the term of twelve months, under said enlistment under the command of Col. Nevel [or Neville] from Fort Pitt, that he was at the time of his inlistment aforsaid a resident of Greenbriar [sic: Greenbrier County in present West Virginia, formed in 1778], and enlisted in that county, he does not recollect the name of the Lieutenant but that it was Callaway, the name of the ensign was [Andrew] Wallace as well as he recollects, and the name of the first sergent was John Bowen, that he was marched from Greenbriar to the head of Monongalia [sic: Monongahela] river, and then down said river, to Fort Pitt where he staid about six weeks, that from there he went by water to the mouth of the Kennawha [sic: Kanawha] river, where he remained until the time of his discharge which was in the month of September 1777. by Col. Nevil who also paid off the troops. during his term of service aforsaid he was in but one small skirmish with the indians on the Ohio. That some thereafter the precise date he does not recollect, he was drafted by the order of Colo. [William] Preston and recv'd the appointment of a Lieutenant under Capt James Moor [sic: Moore], Ensign George Peery [sic: Pearis], mounted men, and marched to the moravi towns [sic: Moravian Towns near present Winston-Salem NC], from where he and Ensign Peery were sent back, that he was only in the service during that term about four or six weeks, and was discharged at the Middle Moravin Towns by Colo. Preston, that he has his commission yet. that afterwards during the revolutionary struggle, by the order of Colo Preston, he was by Capt. Moore appointed an indian Spy and that he acted as such on Blue Stone [sic: Bluestone River], Guyandot [sic: Guyandotte] and the Tugg fork of Sandy [sic: Tug Fork of Big Sandy River], for about thirteen years[?!]. that he would generally go out in the month of march, and stay out until cold weather in the fall. he was generally in company with a man by the name of William Cox who lived on Sandy the last account he had of him, but that it is out of his power at this time to prove his testimony, that he was born in the 1757. or 1758. as well as he can ascertain, but has no record of the time within his power to which he can refer at this time, that he has lived, since the revolutionary a part of his time ‡

[signed] Wm Myer [sic]

‡ and the remainder[?] of his time in Tazwell County Virginia where he now resides. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a claim, or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforsaid

NOTES:

In a deposition made for the pension application of William Brown (S14998), the clerk spelled the name "McGuyer," and he signed "MGuyer." In the present application, however, his name is spelled "McGuire" by others, and his signature appears as shown above.

In the deposition for William Brown, McGuyer stated that "he served with the said William Brown as an Indian Spy for two years on the waters of Blue Stone in Tazwell County, this affiant cannot state the precise period when the service was performed but according to the best of his recollection it was in the year 1780. & 1781."

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William McGuire

Revolutionary War Pension File

Virginia 16179

S. 5746

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*Virginia 16179*

*Dead*

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*William M<sup>c</sup>Guire*

of *Tazewell* in the State of *Virginia*  
who was a *Pvt & I.L.* in the *Company* commanded  
by Captain *Arbuckle* of the *Reg<sup>t</sup>* commanded  
by *Col. Preston* in the *Virginia*  
line for *2 years*

*Paid at the Treasury under  
the Act of the 6<sup>th</sup> April  
1838, from 4<sup>th</sup> March 1836 to  
5 March 1837. Agt Notified  
24 Sep. 1841*

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Inscribed on the Roll of *Virginia*  
at the rate of *80* Dollars ---- Cents per annum  
to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1831.

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Certificate of Pension issued the *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *July 3  
1833* and *sent T. G. Boyd  
Wythe C.H. Va*

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Annuals is the 4<sup>th</sup> of *March '33* - *160*  
Semi-anl. allowances ending *4 Sept* - *40*  
*\$200*

{ Revolutionary Claim }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by *Wm. Miller* Clerk  
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Comptroller's Office,  
*September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1841.*

Sir:

Under the act of the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 1838, entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," *The Executor of William McGuire dec<sup>d</sup>*. a Pensioner on the Roll of the *Richmond, Va* Agency, at the rate of *Eighty* ----- Dollars and ----- Cents per annum, under the law of the 7<sup>th</sup> *June 1832*, has been paid at this Department, from the 4<sup>th</sup> of *March 1836*, to the 5<sup>th</sup> *March 1837*.

Respectfully yours,  
*Alvin K. Parrish*  
Comptroller.

To the Commissioner of Pensions,  
Present.

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BRIEF of the case of *Wm. M<sup>c</sup>Guire -  
County of Tazewell* in the State of *Virginia*

[Act 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1832.]

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or Judge? **Court**
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? **75**
4. State his service as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.	Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served
<i>Sept In 1776 enlisted Sept – 1777 -- ditto --- drafted ditto as Indian Spy</i>	<i>Years, Months, Days. 1 for around six weeks 13 under - - - -</i>	<i>As a Private Lieut --</i>	<i>Gen. Col. Neville_ Captain Arbuckle Col. Preston Col. Preston</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *in skirmish only*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *GreenBrier Co Virginia*
7. Is his statement by living witness, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *Living & Traditionary evidence*
8. Are the papers defective? as to form or authentication? And if so, in what respect? *not authenticated*

X Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*John N. Ashton*  
Examining Clerk

State of Virginia §  
Tazewell County §

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There afterwards during the Revolutionary Struggle, by the order of **Col. Preston**, he was by **Capt. Moore** appointed as indian Spy and that - he acted as such on Bluestone, Gyandotte and the Tugg fork of Sandy for about thirteen years, that he would generally go out in the month of March, and stay out - until cold weather in the fall, he was generally in company with a man by the name of **William Cox** who lived on Sandy the last - account he had of him, but that it is out of his power at this time to prove - his testimony, that he was born in the year 1757 or 1758 as well as he can ascertain, but - has no record or of the time written his power to which he can refer at this time, that he has lived since the Revolutionary a part of his time an or the remainder of his time in Tazewell County Virginia where he now resides. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a claim, or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension role of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

State of Virginia §  
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This day **Low Brown** appeared in open court and after being duly sworn states that he know **William McGuire** the above applicant, that he has been acquainted with him for a number of years, and that he believes him to be of the age of Seventy four or five years as he states in his declaration aforesaid That he knows of his own knowledge that he was in the service, and that he went to the Moravian Towns with the troops under Col. Preston, that he was in company of said McGuire as an Indian Spy during the Revolutionary contest two years. In previous action he does not now recollect – That it is generally believed, and he - - doubted that the said William McGuire was in the regular service during revolutionary war and has a reputation as a man of truth in the county where he resides; and that he fully concurs with the opinion that he served as a regular soldier as he has stated in his aforesaid declaration. Sworn to and subscribed in open court this day and year aforesaid.

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Low X Brown  
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