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Pension application of Harmon or Herman McGee S7194

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

North Carolina } September Term A.D. 1832.
Stokes County }

On this 12th day of September personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of pleas and quarter session now sitting, the same being the court of record -- Harmon McGee a resident of the United States in the County of Stokes and State of aforesaid aged 72 years on the 7th July past, as he was told by his parents, who being first duly sworn according to the law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

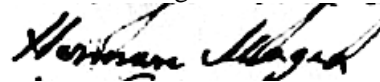
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated to wit:

That shortly after his 16th year of age, which was in July 1776 he was drafted with many other of Sussex County of Virginia, composing a large company of militia, which was divided into divisions to serve alternately by three month tours -- that he served his first tour under Captain John Powell and Col. Meriwether -- that he was marched to York VA when his Company joined other companies from different counties of VA -- that he was there in addition to the above named officers under the command of Maj. Decloman [Maj. John Deklauman] and General (von) Steuben -- that he continued in Garrison there the whole of his first three month tour -- that on his return he was permitted to stay there until his term or period of service, when he was marched to Petersburg VA under Captain Powell and he believes under Col. Gee -- that he there joined other companies commanded by Officers all of whose names he has forgotten except Capt. Jukins Hunt -- that he staid at Petersburg about a week and was then marched under the aforesaid officers to Cabbin Point[sic: Cabin Point in Surry County,] -- that he continued at Cabbin Point under discipline until the expiration of his second three month tour - - that on the next tour he was called under the command of Capt. Thomas Newsom [Thomas Newsom] to Surry court house VA where his company joined other companies and after staying there a few weeks he was marched a second time to York VA where he staid until the completion of his third tour of service (three months) -- that immediately on his return from this tour he was called out under the command of Capt. Newsom, Maj. Lucas, Col. Gee, and Col. Judkins to Hixe's Ford [possibly a ford of Hicks Creek near Cheraw] to meet Com. Wallace [Cornwallis], who was there at Halifax in N.C. and to attack his army on this march -- that he continued in Camp at said Ford and under discipline waiting the approach of the enemy until a false alarm was raised, which introduced into the militia raw and undisciplined, much

disorder and confusion -- a great many of whom fled home -- that thus the troops being greatly diminished it was not thought advisable by the officers to continue longer at that place -- that he was then marched home after being gone sometime the precise extent of which he did not recall but supposed it to have been at least one month -- that this last mentioned tour was to the best of his recollection in the summer of 1781 -- that his memory has failed him so greatly that he cannot recollect the precise date of his several Terms of service -- that he knows the date of his first service from the circumstance of his being born on the 7th of July 1760 as he has often been told by his parents and the fact that his being drafted as soon as he was 16 years old -- that he has now forgotten into how many divisions the militia of his county was divided, but knows that when his term of service came on he stood ready and did serve as near as he can recollect in the manner before stated and until 1781 -- that he was born in the county of Sussex VA and resided there until about 32years ago, when he moved with his family to Rockingham County in this State where he resided 2 (two) years and moved to Guilford in which county he resided 6 (six) years and then moved to Stokes County where he has resided in since -- that he doing service in VA he knows of no one living who can from their own knowledge testify to his services -- that there does not live near him any minister of the Gospel and so he stays mostly at home -- he knows of no minister who can testify to his character for truth and their belief of his services -- that he is known to Jeremiah Gibson, Esq. John Bidding, Wm Cox Esq. and Dr. Andrew Bowman who can, and are willing to testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution -- that he never received a written discharge -- that whether the militia with which he served were called state troops he knows not, but recollects they were not to be said out of the state.

He hereby relinquishes any claim to a Pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any state.

Harmon Magee



Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court . . .

We Jeremiah Gibson, Andrew Bowman, John Bidding & Wm Cox residing in the county of Stokes hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Harmon McGee who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we know him to be 72 years of age -- that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have to been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court: Andrew Bowman, J. L. Biddings
Wm Hill ccc

And the court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigations of the matter and after putting the interrogations presided by the war department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And this court further certify that Jeremiah Gibson, Jno Bidding, Wm Cox & Andrew Bowman are reliable persons and that their statement is worthy of credit.

C Robinson
John Vaughn
William Ward

I, Jno Hill, clerk of our court of pleas and quarter session for the county of Stokes aforesaid do

hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original in the matter of the application of Harmon McGee for pension.

In testimony which I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 12th day of Sept 1832.

Jno Hill, CCC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]