

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Patrick McGuire S7211

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State of North Carolina Surry County

On this 15th day of December 1833 personally appeared before me James Calliway [sic] one of the Justices of the Peace of said County and a member of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Patrick MacGuire [sic] a resident of Surry County aged ninety-three years, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefits of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated. He volunteered under the command of Capt. William Armstrong in Rowan County for Six months but does not recollect the date as he is very old but thinks it was in the spring of 1780 and his memory much impaired -- does not recollect where marched to at first but in the time was at the battle of Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780] during this tour, where his Capt. Armstrong was killed, or was mortally wounded and died soon after, he served the six months out and was discharged which discharge is lost -- immediately after the Battle of Ramsour's he volunteered to go to South Carolina against the British. Was in the battle near Camden when Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] after the defeat he was Ordered to Salisbury North Carolina he having the character of a good Shoe maker was ordered to make shoes, repair & make Holsters, Bridles, Saddles and other work of the kind. When off duty as a soldier which duty he performed regularly both as a soldier & artisan for the full twelve months and was discharged has been many years confined to the House and cannot go to court. To the Seven interrogatories propounded by the Magistrate he makes the following Answers

1st I was born in Ireland in the year 1740

2nd has no record of his age

3rd was living in Rowan County North Carolina when first called into Service has resided there since the war until a few years ago when he moved to Surry County where he now resides

4th he volunteered the 3 times one being subsequently stated as against the Indians

5th Capt. Armstrong was my Capt. also Capt. Young [Samuel Young], Generals Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] & Gates is not certain but thinks Gov. Martin was at Salisbury

6th I was discharged at the expiration of all the tours but the discharges are lost -- by reason of age and infirmity do not recollect distinctly who signed the discharges

7th floor character and credibility service &c begs leave to refer to Michael Swain Sr., [illegible] Calliway, & the Rev'd Richard H. Parks.

He served in all Campaigns under General Rutherford. He only recollects the following

Rutherford General Col. or General Martin Commissary Florence [?] Lieut. & Capt. Armstrong & Young

-- he also served a tour of 5 weeks under Rutherford against the Indians previous to the above service in which tour he was commanded by Capt. Young it was against the Cherokees, he does not recollect the date of this Service but it was about 2 years antecedent to his service in South Carolina what was in the year 1780 he thinks in the summer, he recollects distinctly of being at Gates Defeat near Camden, he has no documentary evidence of his service, nor does he know of any living witnesses by whom he can prove it. He hereby relinquishes every claim to an annuity or Pension except the Present & declares that his name is not on the roll of the Agency of any State or Territory.

He Sworn to and subscribed before made this 15th day of December 1833

S/ J. Callaway, JP

S/ Patrick McGuire, X his mark

[Richard H. Parks, a clergyman, Michael Swain, Ferree Callaway gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 5 days in the North Carolina militia.]