

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Magee (McGee) W2954

Margaret Magee

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Venango County [Pennsylvania]: SS

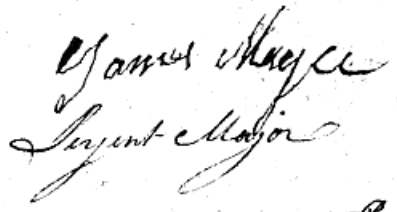
Personally came before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said County James Magee of Brokenstraw Township and County of Warren in the state of Pennsylvania who being sworn according to law doth say on his solemn Oath that he first entered the service of his country sometime in the year 1776 in the troops called the Delaware Greens Captain Jonathan Rumford commanded the Company and from Wilmington we were marched to Perth Amboy & there joined General Washington and was sent over to Staten Island & we took nine Hessians & after that remained some time in Perth Amboy & then was marched to Trenton & crossed the Delaware there and went to the Cross Roads above Philadelphia & by the Orders of General Washington raised a liberty pole there on account of the good news received from France that the French Court had acknowledged our Independence, the time of my first enlistment being out but by the desire of General Washington I went with the troops up to Trenton and on Christmas Eve [sic, the morning of December 26, 1776] took a Regiment of Hessian Soldiers, and when dismissed, went to Wilmington & there enlisted again with Captain Mitchell and was marched to Perth Amboy and there was first under the command of Colonel Grasen [William Grayson] who commanded the 16th Virginia Regiment & from that [place] went to the White Plains & there had several skirmishes with the British & then crossed the North River to the Jerseys & was marched to Pennsylvania & was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and in the Battle of Germantown the 4th of October [1777] & not long after went into winter quarters at the Valley Forge and when the British Army left Philadelphia we pursued them & came up with them at Monmouth [Monmouth Courthouse, June 28, 1778] in the Jerseys and a Number of skirmishes took place and drove them to their shipping at Sandy hook & shortly after stormed the British Fort on Stony Point [July 19, 1779] under command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], & soon after took a party of British at powles Hook [Paulus Hook [August 19, 1779] of 160 without any loss and then marched to Morristown in Jerseys & for a year before this acted as Sergeant Major, from Morristown was marched to Philadelphia and from thence was marched towards Charleston South Carolina under the command of Colonel Guest [probably Mordecai Gist or Nathaniel Gist] and fell in with the enemy at Moncks Corner [April 14, 1780] Colonel Washington [William Washington] commanded the light Horse some time the British drove us & sometimes we drove them, the time of my Enlistment being then out, Colonel Guest requested me to go back with some of our troops to guard Continental Stores & bring some Stores Back to Camden and there I got my discharge from Captain Young the latter

part of April or sometime in May 1780 my discharge I sold to Robert & Thomas Duncan of Carlisle who received all the emoluments due to me except the land that they never got, nor I myself never received any compensation for the same and am now in a helpless condition and need of assistance from my Country.

Sworn & subscribed before me November 25, 1818

S/ Isaac Connely

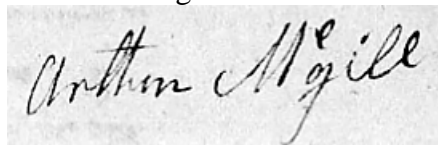
S/ James Magee
Sergeant Major

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Magee" on the top line and "Sergeant Major" on the bottom line. The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

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Venango County SS Personally came before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said County off the Magill who being duly sworn according to law doth on his solemn oath say that he knew James Magee to be a Soldier in the Continental Army and that I saw him on furlough with his Regimentals own and further says not. Sworn & subscribed before me November 25th, 1818

S/ Arthur Mcgill

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur Mcgill". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, possibly aged, paper.

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Warren County in the 6th Judicial District Pennsylvania

On this 6th day of March 1821 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Warren, being a court of record in and for said County James McGee – aged eighty-seven years resident in Brokenstraw Township in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit that having served some time in Captain Rumford's company he enlisted under Captain Nathaniel Millhel [sic] Colonel __ Grason's Regiment Virginia line in the year 1777, that he remained in said service until the year 1780.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18th 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

This declarant returns no property

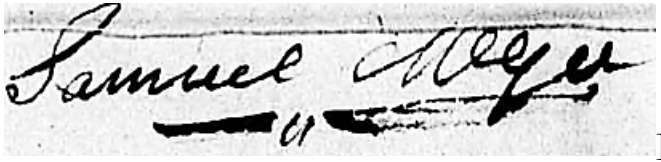
He has no debts due to him

He has no family living with him but his wife, unable to do anything for her support, he is a farmer by occupation but unable to do anything for his support.

Debts which I owe
to Charles Doherty about \$20
to William Connelly about \$10
to Arthur Robinson about \$6
to Andrew Bowman about \$3
\$39

S/ James McGee [not the actual signature of the veteran]

[p 41: On September 4, 1822 in Warren County, Samuel Magee gave testimony that he is the son of James Magee, an applicant for a pension; that he remembers, about 30 years previous to the date of this affidavit, seeing in his father's possession a discharge from the revolutionary Army but did not read it himself.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Magee". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There are some horizontal lines and scribbles below the main signature, possibly indicating a date or other markings.

[p 42: Samuel Clark gave testimony on September 3rd, 1822 in Warren County Pennsylvania that he knew James McGee in service and that on "their march from the Valley Forge to the Battle of German Town when he knew him well...."]

[p 4: On December 7, 1838 in Warren County Pennsylvania, Margaret McGee filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James McGee who was a revolutionary soldier and a pensioner of the United States; that she married him in the month of May 1781 according to her best recollection she having no record or memorandum of her marriage; that they were married in Mifflin County Pennsylvania by Henry Taylor, JP; that her husband died in November 1823 the precise day not recollected. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 6: On December 9, 1838 in Warren County Pennsylvania, Edward Jones, 73, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Margaret McGee an applicant for a pension; that her name prior to her marriage to James McGee was Margaret McCracken; that James and Margaret were married he believes in May 1781 although he was not present at the marriage.]

[Facts in file: the widow died November 3, 1844 presumably in Deerfield Township Warren County Pennsylvania where she was living as of July 1844; there is reference to the veteran and his wife having a "large family of children" but the only child named in any documents in the file is a son named Samuel who was 54 years old in 1838; there is no other family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 25, 1818, for service as a private in the Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]