

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Barney McGuire W3276

Jane McGuire PA

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Pennsylvania

Westmoreland County Ss:

Personally came before the subscriber President of the Court of Common pleas of the tenth Judicial District of Pennsylvania Barney McGuire of the said county of Westmoreland and being duly sworn on his oath deposed and saith, That he enlisted the first Day of July 1775 in captain William Hendrick's [sic: William Hendricks's] Company of Riflemen for one year in Cumberland County Penna. That this deponent was marched to Boston and from that to Quebec under Col [Benedict] Arnold and was taken prisoner the 31st Day of December in the same year at the time Genl Mcgomery [sic: Richard Montgomery] was killed. after being detained about eight months at Quebec this Deponent with eight others made their escape. In 1776 this deponent enlisted in a company under the command of Col Thos Robison [possibly Thomas Robinson], in the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment commanded by Colonel James Chambers and served in that Regiment for five years when he was honorably discharged, at York in Penna. And that his discharge was signed by Col Thomas Robison. That the said discharge was forwarded to the war office about twenty years ago with his application for a pension which was allowed to him, and which he has drawn ever since. This deponent saith that he was frequently wounded in Battle and was discharged on account of disability to perform further service. The said deponent further saith that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn and subscribed before me the 15th April 1818. Barney X [his mark] McGuire

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Ss

Westmoreland County

on the eight day of July 1822 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County being a Court of record for the said County of Westmoreland – Barney McGuire aged seventy eight years resident in Derry Township in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit, That he was enlisted on the first day of July 1775 by Captain William Hendricks, that he marched under Capt. William Hendricks for Quebec in the Corps commanded by Col Benedict Arnold, that he was enlisted for the term of one year, that on the thirty first day of December 1775 he was taken prisoner by the British at Quebec – that being a prisoner he made his escape from the British, that he went to the white plains where he joined the american army, the regiment then commanded by Col. James Chambers being again enlisted in said Regiment by Captain Thomas Buchannon [sic: Thomas Buchanan, pension application S40770] in the year 1776 – that he marched to and was engaged in the Battle of the white plains [28 Oct 1776] – that he then marched to and was engaged in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] – that he was at the Storming of Stony Point [16 Jul 1779], where he was wounded in the right thigh by a bayonet, that he was also wounded at the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – that he was at the battle of the Greensprings [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] in Virginia, that he was enlisted as above by Capt. Thomas Buchanan for the term of three years or during the war – that on account of wounds and disabilities he was discharged on or about the twenty first day of August 1781. that he drew a pension under a special act of Congress which he has since relinquished – that his original declaration is dated the [blank] day of [blank] 1818, that he received a pension, the number of his certificate is 2,763 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 Viz. one Cow, one Sheep, four Hogs one table, one Pot, 2 Iron skillets a few Cups & Saucers plates knives & forks. I am a farmer but for many years have been unable to pursue it, or to perform any work or labour by which to contribute to my support – my family consists of my wife aged about seventy five years, being lame and unable to help herself – two daughters one about sixteen, and the other about twenty, and unable to contribute to my support
 Barney hisXmark McGuire

First Regiment 1780

We and each of us whose names are hereunto inscribed, do acknowledge to have received from Major Thomas B. Bowen [Thomas Bartholomew Bowen] and Captain Eranius Beatty [sic: Erskurius Beatty], Agents for the late Pennsylvania Line, the several sums opposite to our names respectively in certificates dated July 1 1784 bearing interest at six per cent from January the first 1781 signed by John Pierce, Commissioner and described as below, being for the balance of a settlement between the United States and us for Pay from August 1st 1780 to January 1st 1781.

Date of Issues	No of Certificates	Letter	Names	Sums		Signers
				Dollars	90 ^{ths}	
Nov 10 th	73715	Ix	Barney McGuire	36	60	Barney X McGuire

Omissions in the diff Regiments 1780 and 1781

We and each of us whose names are hereunto subscribed do acknowledge to have received from Major Thomas B. Bowen and Captain Eranius Beatty Agents for the late Pennsylvania Line, the several sums opposite to our names respectively in certificates, dated Feby 1, 1785 bearing interest at six per cent from January the first 1782 signed by John Pierce Commissioner, and described as below, being for the balance of a settlement between the United States and us for Pay to January the first 1782.

Date of Issues	No of Certificates	Letter	Names	Sums		Signers
				Dollars	90 ^{ths}	
Mar 19, 1785	84207	Bx	Barney McGuire 1280	75	30	Mat. McConnell

Auditor Generals Office/ Harrisburg April 14, 1852

I certify the above are true extracts and copies of the originals taken from Payroll book A pages 52 & 245 now on file in this department.

Witness my hand and seal of Office/ the day and year aforesaid/ E. Banks/ Aud. Gen

NOTES:

On 20 May 1851 Pendergast McGuire (as he signed), 48, of Westmoreland County PA, applied for a pension as one of the surviving children of Barney and Jane McGuire. He stated that his parents were married in February 1781 while his father was still in service, that Barney McGuire died in September 1824, and that Jane McGuire died on 10 June 1837. A supporting document states that Barney and Jane McGuire were both from Carlisle PA, where they were married, and that their oldest child, Philip, would have been 69 on 4 Jan 1851 if living. Another document lists the surviving children as Pendergrass McGuire; Nancy, widow of Robert Shannon; and Margret McGuire, single. Robert Fulton, age 67 on 27 March 1851, stated that the second child, Robert McGuire, had been six months older than himself.

On 18 Dec 1851 Jane Cogen testified in part as follows: “She was not at the marege but well Recollects that they were Reputed to be Legally maried and afterward Lived together as man and wife and at this time he said Barney McGuire was a Soldier in what was called the Revolutionary war that she went to house keeping in [Carlisle] and further well Recollects that they had a son Born whoes name they called Phillip now dead and further she well Recollects that when this Child was Nine months old that she seen the said Barney McGuire with the said Child aforesaid in his B. McGuires arms carying through the streets of Carlysle had what they said was a Cockade made with a Bough of Ribbins stuck on the Childs hat he said B McGuire was in his millitairy uniform as a Regular Soldier with the other Soldiers that were then in Carlysle the Child also had money hung around its Neck said to be given the child by the Soldiers.... after

the said Jane and Barney McGuire was married that the said Jane his wife would not go with him but she went to Live with her grand father and did Live there until the said Barney Returned home from the army.”

Jane Cogen also stated that: “after the marriage took place that the said McGuire went to Little York in Penna and was said to be Recruiting Soldiers there the said McGuire took what was called the Pluresey in the head [sic] and had like to have died he sent for Jane his wife She went to Little York to see him he had got better and from all the Circumstances within her Recollection he said McGuire was in the service at Least two years after the marriage took place.... They Lived about six years in the Town of Carlisle after peace was declared....”

On 12 Feb 1852 Jane Cogen added the following: “The Barracks was kept near Carlisle at what was called the Letort Springs near the Town which was all Brick buildings – the had monkys there which frequently took young people there to see them and the soldiers.”