

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John McIntire W3702 Catharine McIntire PA
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State of Pennsylvania }
Westmoreland County Ss }

On this twenty fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty nine personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County aforesaid Catharine McIntire a resident of Jacksonville in the County aforesaid aged eighty eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefits of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 Entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" and of the acts subsequent and supplementary thereto That she is the widow of John McIntire who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war That the said John McIntire enlisted from Chester County Pennsylvania and was engaged in the Battle of Trenton [26 Dec 1776] a Germantown [4 Oct 1777] Deponent further states that her husband frequently spoke to herself and his neighbours about his service as a soldier of the Revolution of the Pennsylvania Line She further states that she was married to the said John McIntire in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania in the Autumn of seventeen hundred and eighty nine and that her said husband died many years ago That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated and that since his death she has not married

Catherine herXmark McIntire

State of Pennsylvania
Westmoreland County Ss [14 Dec 1849]

Before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid personally appeared William Schuster of the County aforesaid and upon his solemn oath says that he was well acquainted with John McIntire formerly of the said County and with his wife Catharine McIntire That the said John McIntire or McIntyre lived and worked under Directions of Deponent for several years about the years 1812 1813 & 1814. that Deponent boarded during said years with said John McIntire. That Deponent was very intimate with said John and had frequent conversations with him. That said John among other things told him that he had lived near Paoli in Chester County Penna that he served during a part of the war of the revolution in the United States Army and was honorably discharged from the United States Army That said John McIntire mentioned to Deponent different engagements he was in and to the best of Deponents recollection he said that he was in Trenton and Germantown Battles That the said John had wounds & scars upon his body which he had received during the war. Deponent distinctly recollects that the said John spoke to him of an engagement in which he took part [storming of the fort at Stony Point NY] where the watch word was "Remember the Paoli" [referring to a massacre of Gen. Anthony Wayne's troops, 21 Sep 1777]. Deponent has frequently went thro' the military exercises with said John McIntire and that the said John was very skillful in military movements At the time when John McIntire lived with Deponent he worked as a Blacksmith Deponent then being engaged in the iron business The said John and Catharine had in 1812 a large family seven or eight children. From the great length of time which has elapsed Deponent can only state general facts At that time it was known to everybody that the said John McIntire had been a soldier during the War of the Revolution and the fact was never disputed to Deponent's recollection and further Deponent saith not. [signed] W Johnston

State of Pennsylvania Ss
Westmoreland County [27 May 1851]

Personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Westmoreland County Pennsylvania, William Johnston who being sworn according to law sayeth that he

was well acquainted with John McIntire and Catharine his wife. The said John McIntire and wife lived with me about three years from eighteen hundred and eleven until the year eighteen hundred and thirteen. Kept a boarding house during the above time. I had frequent conversations with said McIntire relative to his services in the Revolutionary War I well recollect hearing him say he entered the service as a private in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six that when he entered the service of the United States he then lived in Chester County Pennsylvania, that he belonged to the first Pennsylvania Regiment in the Pennsylvania Line and that he was in the following battles Viz. The battle of Trenton, Germantown, and Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], when under General Washington and that he was in the battle of Stony Point and that General Wayne was his General at that battle and further that he was at the battle of the Cowpens [in SC, 17 Jan 1781] and that Morgan was his Colonel [sic: Gen. Daniel Morgan] in this battle. This said McIntire I well knew to be a brave man and that he was a Blacksmith by trade when he entered the service and that he was a Scotchman by birth and that he was a man of good moral Character and that his statements would be received as truth by all who knew him, his wife now lives in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania and who now claims a small Pension from the United States. She is Poor and I am fully satisfied from his statements to me and from other traditionary evidence that the within service was performed by the said John McIntire and from my long acquaintance with him, wife and family I have full confidence in the correctness of his statements being corroborated by traditionary evidence and further saith not.

[signed] William Johnston

NOTES:

On an application for bounty land dated 6 March 1855 Catharine McIntire was said to be 90 and a resident of Greensburg in Westmoreland County. She stated that as Catharine Herbaugh she married John McIntire in 1795, and he died in 1824, and that her husband had enlisted for seven months. This last claim was based on a document that may pertain to a different soldier with the same name. On 20 July 1850 James McIntire unsuccessfully applied for an increase in his mother's pension, stating that his father, John McIntire, had actually served longer than the seven months originally claimed. James McIntire also stated that he "heard his father say he Received a Slite wound in some of the Battles, while in the Continental line and further this deponant does not know who were his fathers officers but by tradition a certain Franes Johnston [sic: Francis Johnston] was his Collo while in the Regular Sevice."

On 18 Jan 1850 Rev. Nicholas P. Hacke provided the following translation from German of the baptismal records of Rev. John William Weber of the German Reformed Church of Greensburg for the children of John and Catharine McIntyre:

John Born 3 Nov 1791, sponsor Henry Herbach

Henry Born 12 July 1793, sponsor Catharine

Maria Born 12 Dec 1795, sponsor Benjamin Snyder

Jacob Born 29 Oct 1799, sponsor Wilhelmina

The file includes numerous statements supporting the application by Catharine McIntire, including one by Mary Bricker stating that at one time it was John McIntire's intention to apply for a pension, "but he was dissuaded by his family as at that time it was not considered creditable to be a pensioner."

The file contains other documents pertaining to one or more soldiers named John McIntire.