

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas McGuire W4292 Jane McGuire f48NC

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State of Ohio } SS

On this twenty ninth day of March A.D. 1842 Personally appeared before me Elisha C. Berry one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Champaign and State of Ohio Jane McGuire of County and State aforesaid aged eighty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. And also the act Explanatory of the same approved March the 3rd 1837: That she is the Widow of Major Thomas McGuire who was drafted into the service for three months in the Revolutionary war and appointed Adjutant under the command of Col. Locke of the North Carolina Militia and that he afterwards enlisted during the war and was Promoted to the Rank of Brigade Major under the Command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] that when he was drafted and afterwards Enlisted he was a Resident of Statesville Rowan (now Iredell) County North Carolina. That he was drafted in the month of April in the year 1775 that he remained in the service until the Close of the War in 1783. That the said Major Thomas McGuire was at the Battle of Ramsour's [June 20, 1780] with a Portion of the Brigade of General Rutherford under the Command of Col. Colwell that they fought against a Portion of the Troops under the command of the British Col. Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] and she further declares that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim. And she further declares that she was married to the aforesaid Major Thomas McGuire on the 3rd of May in the year 1770 and Before the last Period of his services and that her Husband the aforesaid Major Thomas McGuire died on the 29th day of January in the year 1799 and that she has remained a Widow ever since that Period as will more fully appear by reference to the Proof hereto annexed.

Witness S/ Philip M. Rollins

S/ Jane McGuire, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me

S/ E. C. Berry, Associate Judge

State of Ohio Warren County

It is hereby certified that satisfactory evidence under oath has been exhibited before me John C. Dunlevy Probate Judge in and for said County that Jane McGuire widow of Thomas McGuire deceased was applicant for a Revolutionary Pension of the United States at the rate of \$ ___ per annum and that she died on the 31st day of October 1843 leaving surviving her, children whose names are James McGuire, Margaret McCracken, Cynthia Jeffries, Nancy Bone and

Rebecca Sewell and that James McGuire, Rebecca Sewell and Cynthia Jeffries are the only surviving children of the aforesaid Jane McGuire deceased and that Daniel W. Bone is administrator of her estate.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of Office this 3rd day of March 1852.

S/ Jno. C. Dunlevy

[facts in file: Widow's maiden name was Jane Dobbins]

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Champaign County Ohio June 7th, 1847

On this day personally appeared before me S W Spencer one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Champaign Nancy Bone of lawful age, who being first duly sworn according to law deposed and saith that she formerly lived in the house with a family of Major Thomas McGuire of Statesville (Rowan now) Iredell County North Carolina. That she commenced living with said family in the year 1777 that some time during said year an Army station was located at Salisbury in said County of Rowan by the Gov. of the State of North Carolina and your affiant believes that Brig. General Rutherford was placed in command of said Station for the purpose of procuring volunteers and enlistments in the Service of the State for the Revolutionary War. And your affiant further avers that the aforesaid Thomas McGuire volunteered in the Militia of said State of North Carolina for the term of one year and was appointed in this staff of General Rutherford as his aid de camp with the Rank of Brigade Major and immediately after this appointment he the said Thomas McGuire received his commission as such from the Gov. of the State of North Carolina. And your affiant further avers that she saw his commission as such in the said Thomas McGuire's possession and read it. And your affiant further avers that after the reception of his Commission the said Major McGuire was ordered to Wilmington on Duty in Actual service. And that during this period of service your affiant in company with your petitioner Jane McGuire visited Wilmington then in possession of the British for the purpose of rendering aid to two of your Petitioner's Brothers then Prisoners of War to the enemy in a state of starvation. And in the return of your affiant from Wilmington she visited Major McGuire in Camp about 25 miles West of Wilmington and there your affiant saw the said Maj. McGuire on duty. After the expiration of this term of service Major McGuire was employed by some Department of the Army (which your affiant does not now recollect) to negotiate some services with the British in relation to the treatment of the Prisoners of War he was sent to Charleston on this mission and was absent 3 or 4 months after his return he the said Major McGuire remained at the Station at Salisbury and assisted in the recruiting Service until the approach of Tarleton. Then the said Thomas McGuire volunteered again for the service of one year in the same capacity in the Militia as Brigade Major and while out with a Scouting Party at the crossing of the Catawba he the said Major McGuire was taken Prisoner but made his escape with the loss of his horse and sword. And on the approach of the Enemy upon Salisbury General Rutherford first fell back upon Statesville he and his Staff occupied Major McGuire's house in which your affiant then live. During this Term of service Major McGuire was in the Battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1780] with Morgan. And after Cornwallis made a descent in Virginia Major McGuire volunteered for another Term of one year and was marched to Wilmington and from thence to Charleston South Carolina and did not return until the close of the War. And your affiant further avers that the said Major McGuire volunteered for other Short

periods of service in the militia. But the length of time that has intervened since those transactions she cannot recollect them to describe with certainty. And your affiant further avers that during the different periods of service which Major McGuire served in the War of the Revolution he held the rank of Brigade Major. That she has repeatedly seen him on duty at different times and places and that he always wore his uniform was mounted on horseback and [indecipherable word] the Duties of that Station, and further your affiant saith not.

S/ Nancy Bone, X her mark

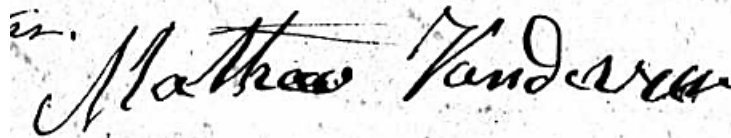
Witness: S/ William Zafferty

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State of North Carolina Iredell County

On this 9th Day of July A.D. 1842 personally appeared before me A. Roby one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Iredell and State aforesaid Matthew Vandiver¹ of lawful age who being first duly sworn according to law deposed and saith that he was acquainted with Major Thomas McGuire of Statesville, County and State aforesaid that the said Thomas McGuire was a Major in the Revolutionary War that he served under the command of Col. David Caldwell in General Rutherford's Brigade that the said Thomas McGuire was present with him at Piles defeat² in the cross Roads that it was common report that the said Thomas McGuire served during the War.

S/ Mathew Vandiver

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mathew Vandiver". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to and subscribed on the date and year above written before me.

S/ A. Roby, JP

[p 44, Rebecca Sewall and Cynthia Jeffers gave an affidavit in support of their mother's application for a widow's pension. The affidavit is dated March 29, 1842 and was given in Champaign County Ohio. They signed their affidavit with their respective marks.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$154 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending October 31, 1843 (the date of death of the widow). The pension was awarded on the basis of her husband service as Adjutant & Brigade Major in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Mathew \(Matthew\) Vandiver S9500](#)

² Sic, Pyle's Defeat. Refers to the defeat of Dr. John Pyle's Tory force by Col. Henry "Lighthorse Harry" Lee on Feb. 25, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pyles.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_haw_river.html