

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah McGuire W8274

Everet McGuire

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The State of Alabama Tuscaloosa County

On this twelfth day of October 1827 personally appeared in open Court, being the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid, and a Court of Record, according to the laws of said State, Elijah McGuire a resident of said County; aged about Seventy years and nine months, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the Provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Elijah McGuire was enlisted for the term of three years on or about the 17th day of August in the year 1777 in the State of South Carolina, in the company Commanded by Capt. Uriah Goodwyn [Uriah Goodwin], in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thompson [William Thomson, SC 3rd Regiment] in the line of the State of South Carolina, on the regular Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps for some time, but the exact time not now recollected until he was regularly discharged into Capt. John Buchanan's Company [SC 6th Regiment], in which he continued to serve as orderly Sgt. until he was made a prisoner of war by the British at the capture of Charleston, South Carolina [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]¹ in whose custody he remained a prisoner, until the expiration of the term for which he had enlisted, -- After which having escaped from their custody, he again entered the Service of the United States immediately in a Company of Cavalry commanded by Capt. Philip Waters [Philemon Waters], attached to the Brigade commanded by General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter], in which he continued until the termination of the Revolutionary War; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and that his name is not on the roll of any State except that of South Carolina and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension that he is a man of limited information, that he has rarely associated but little with the world; and that not until within the last six months was he apprised of the laws above referred to or any other by which he could obtain a pension from his Government. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, That since the 18th day of March 1818 no changes have been made in my property, that I am by profession a farmer, enfeebled by age and consequent infirmities, and now badly able to pursue it, and that an infirm wife of nearly my own age, from whom I receive no assistance; but who claims support from my hands, constitutes my family.

A Schedule of all of the Property both real and personal, necessary clothing and bedding excepted, owned by Elijah McGuire -- viz.

80 Acres of land at \$1.25	\$100.00
one cow one calf at \$10	10.00
one heifer at \$5	5.00
one yearling at \$3	3.00
one sow & pigs at \$4	4.00
one small lot of farming tools	<u>5.00</u>
	\$127.00

Sworn to and declared on the 12th day of October 1827 before

S/ Elijah McGuire

S/ John M. Jenkins, clerk of Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County

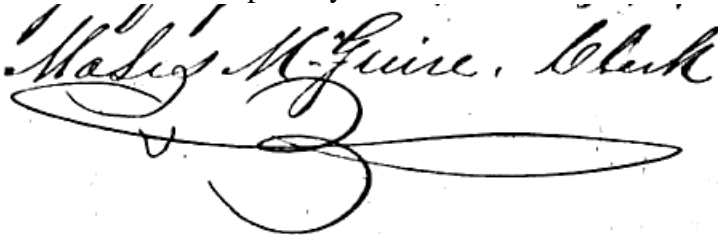
[image 223: On April 29, 1844 in Tuscaloosa County Alabama, Everet McGuire filed for the balance of the pension due to her husband at the time of his death. She also executed a power of attorney authorizing her attorney [Elijah McGuire Junior] to pursue the pension due to her husband from September 4, 1843 to December 31st, 1843 when he died. In her application, she states that her husband resided in Tuscaloosa County Alabama for the space of 24 years before his death and that prior thereto he lived in the State of Tennessee She signed these documents with her mark.]

[image 225: Also on April 29, 1844 in Tuscaloosa County Alabama, Elijah McGuire Junior signed a statement stating that the foregoing power of attorney was given to him without his having received any interest in the subject thereof by sale transfer or mortgage.



Elijah McGuire

[image 265: On June 14, 1844, Moses McGuire in his capacity as clerk of the County Court of Tuscaloosa County Alabama certified that satisfactory evidence had been produced in court by Everet McGuire widow of Elijah McGuire that her husband died on the 31st day of December 1843. His relationship if any to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.



Moses McGuire, Clerk

[Facts in file: On February 9, 1855, proof was offered by Isaac Lee, aged 75, William H. Terrell,

72, and John W. Prewett, 66, all of Tuscaloosa County Alabama of the marriage of Elijah McGuire and his wife Everet; that they had the following children: John McGuire, the oldest child who they believe to be about 70 years old and a resident of Tuscaloosa County; Elijah McGuire Junior, 67, also a resident of Tuscaloosa County; Amos McGuire, aged about 65 and a resident of Chickasaw County Mississippi; Merry McGuire aged about 62 and now residing in Tuscaloosa County; William McGuire, aged about 59 and now residing in Chickasaw County Mississippi; Polly Spears, aged about 56, wife of John Spears, residing in Fayette County Alabama; Moses McGuire, aged about 53 years and now residing in Tuscaloosa County; Rhoda Whatley, aged about 50 years and now residing in Tuscaloosa County; and that the following is a true transcript from the family Bible:

"Elijah McGuire, Senior, was born in Cumberland County, Virginia on the 19th of January 1757
Elijah McGuire Senior departed this life on Sunday the 31st of December A.D. 1843 aged 87 years, 11 months and 11 days at about 10:00 PM.

Everet Maguire, widow of Elijah McGuire, Senior, died on Monday Morning the 17th July 1848 at about 7:00 AM aged about 87 years. The two were buried at John Thomas 'on Byles [could be "Bylers"] Road 16 miles North of Tuscaloosa -- their remains rest side by side."

[Veteran was pensioned initially at the rate of \$96 per annum increased to the rate of \$145 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending with his death on December 31, 1843. The pension was based on the veteran service as a sergeant in the South Carolina Continental line and subsequently in the militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Elijah McGuire
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 5067
Transcribed by Will Graves

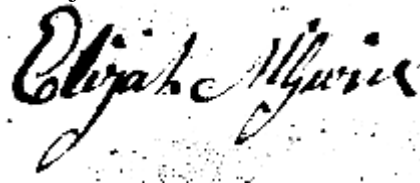
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July the 9th 1785 Received of William Murray Full Satisfaction for a Negro & quarter Due to me for Serving ten months as Sergeant in the State Troops of South Carolina in Brigadier General Sumpters [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade for which I do Require that said Negro and Quarter May be delivered to William Murray or his Assigns Otherwise that he may Receive a Treasury Indent & Interest^{as the Legislature May Direct in that Case as Witness my hand}

S/ Elijah McGuire



State of South Carolina

Ninety Six District } Personally appeared Elijah McGuire Before me 1 of the Justices of said District and Being Duly Sworn Saith on oath that he has never received from the Public any Satisfaction or Restitution for the Duty Done as above Sworn and Subscribed this 10th Day of

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

July 1785

S/ Elijah McGuire

Before me S/ W. Calone, JP

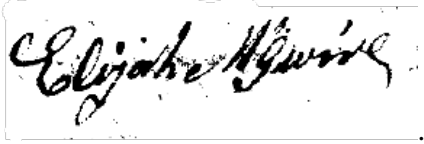
[p 4 : Printed form of Indent No. 479 Book __ dated first of October 1784 “delivered to Mr. Elijah Mauger [sic] late Sergeant in Waters’s [Philemon Waters’] Troop, Thomas’s [Lt. Col. John Thomas, Jr.’s] Regiment Sumpter’s [Thomas Sumter’s] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of One Hundred and five pounds fifteen shillings Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last.”]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing numerous endorsements including the following:

I Assign over the Whole Right and title of the Within Indent Unto William Murray this 21 Day January 1786 in the Presence of

S/ Samuel Murray

S/ Elijah McGwire

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elijah McGwire". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background. The box has a thin black border and a small closing bracket "]" at the bottom right corner.