

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Neal (Cornelius) McGerry (McGeary) W8276      Mary McGerry      PA  
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Beaver County    Ss

on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 1818, before me the Subscriber one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common pleas for said County of Beaver in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania personally appears Neal McGerry aged sixty three years a resident of Beaver County who being by me first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certen persons engaged in the land & navel service in the revolutionary war, That he the said Neal McGerry enlisted at york in Pennsylvania in the Spring 1777 for during the war in the Company Commanded by Captain Haps [sic: Robert Hopes] in Colonl Hartlys [sic: Thomas Hartley's] regiment in the Pennsylvania line that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the Service of the united States untill after the Battles of Brandewine [sic: Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777] & Peeoly [sic: Paoli, 21 Sep 1777] the regim't being reduced was Incorporated with the Eleventh Pennsylvania Reg't commanded by Colonl [Richard] Humpton and that he afterwards continued in the service untill Peaces was made with Great Britten he was discharged from servic by Colonl Humpton at Philladelphia that he was in the Battles of Brandewine Germontown [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and the Peeoly in Pennsylv'a and Green Spring [Green Springs Plantation in VA, 6 Jul 1781] and Capture of Cornwallace army at York in virgeney [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] that he was wounded in three different plauses at the Green Spring That one ball was never got extracted from his thigh to this day which renders him neerely a Crippel moreover he is considerably disstedes with a Rupture in his Belly, that his discharge is lost or worn out through time and that he has no other evedences now in his power of his said Services and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Cuntry for Support and that he hath not been heretofore placed on the Pension list by any law of the united States.

Sworn to and delcared before me the day and year afforesaid      Neal hisXmark McGerry  
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Allegheny County, Fifth Judicial      } Ss  
District of the State of Pennsylvania }

Neal McGeary's application in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, and it supplement passed on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820

On this sixteenth day of April A.D. 1822 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, being a court of Record by the constitution and laws of the said State, having a seal and Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a Record of their proceedings, and having the power of fine and imprisonments, the said Neal McGeary aged about Eighty years, resident in the County of Allegheny aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his solemn Oath make the following declaration, that he the said Neal McGeary served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he enlisted in the Spring of the year 1777 at Little York in the State of Pennsylvania, in the company commanded by Captain Hops, in the Regiment commanded by colonel Hartley in [Anthony] Wayne's Brigade in the line of the State of Pennsylvania on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the army of the Revolution until the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, when he was discharged from the service at Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania. That he was in the battle of the Green Springs, where he received three wounds, and that a ball received there still remains in his thigh. That he was at the battles of Brandywine & Paoli; that he forwarded his discharge to the War department at the time of his application for a pension. That he soon after the said application (the date of which the deponent does not particularly recollect) received a certificate of pension under the signature & seal of the Secretary of War which about two years ago he forwarded to the War department, and which he

has not since had the possession, the number of which pension certificate he does not now recollect

And the said deponent doth further solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. That he is by occupation a laborer, but from age and infirmities he is unable to pursue it, and that he depends upon private charity for support unless he receives his pension from the United States. This deponent further saith that he has a wife named Mary about twenty years of age, by whom he has a daughter about three weeks old; That he has but one son named John, who is married is very poor and has seven small children to support. That he has no person residing with him, but his said wife and child. That although his said wife is industrious & this deponant willing to labour, yet their united exertions are inadequate to their support. That the following schedule contains all the property of the deponent necessary clothing and bedding excepted

Schedule

One old bay mare

One old Cow, and Calf

Two old pots, one axe, on grubbing hoe

Two old chairs and one rough old table

Valued at twelve dollars \$12.00

Neal hisXmark McGeary

NOTE: On 31 May 1854 Mary McGerry, about 60, of Moon Township in Allegheny County, applied for a pension stating that she married Cornelius McGerry in June 1821, and he died on 10 July 1839 at or near Scottsville in Beaver County PA. On 8 April 1856 Mary McGerry, 60, stated that her name was Mary Holsinger before she married Neal McGerry in Allegheny County on 15 May 1823. A letter in the file by James H. Stoops states that Mary McGerry (his mother-in-law) died at his house on 13 April 1880.