

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Magill R6827
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Mary Magill

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State of Tennessee Green County: September Term 1832

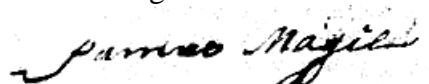
On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powel Judge of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity for Green County James Magill a citizen of Green County, aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States a drafted man in Rockingham County Virginia the year not recollect but was marched in September under the command of Colonel Benjamin Harrison, Major Bermeter [?] from Hampshire County Virginia, Captain Cravens [probably Robert Craven] & Lieutenant William Herron [probably William Herring] and was marched on to the Muskindon [Muskingum] River against the Shawnee Indians & British, he was marched and crossed the Ohio River 20 or 30 miles below Pittsburg he states that during his stay on the Muskindom they built one Fort called Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens], though they built one Fort on the Ohio previous to their [indecipherable word]¹ on the Muskindom called Fort Mackintosh [Fort McIntosh] after the General [Lachlan McIntosh] who commanded as General that Campaign, he also states that there was also a Regiment of Regulars Joined us at Fort McIntosh from Pennsylvania commanded by Colonel Broadhead, he states that he was not in any particular battle as there was a peace or terms concluded upon between the Americans and Indians during said Tour he was then marched back to Fort McIntosh where he was discharged verbally by what particular officer discharge he does not now recollect, after having served four months. He states that in June following or June following one year he was drafted in Rockingham County Virginia for two months and was marched under Colonel Harrison, Major Hambleton [probably Gawan Hamilton], Captain Herron [probably William Herring] down near Richmond under General Campbell, were marched to Petersburg Virginia from thence back to Richmond from thence to James Town Virginia where he was in a Battle between General Wayne & Lord Cornwallis he states General Lafayette was also a General at that, from James Town he was marched to Bottoms Bridge below Richmond where he was discharged after having served out his two months Tour and was verbally discharged by General Campbell's aid as he now believes whose name he has forgotten. He states that in the May previous to his being drafted the last Tour, he volunteered under Colonel Harrison & Captain Craven in Rockingham County Virginia to go against the Tories who had [indecipherable word]²

¹ *arrived* "arrival" fits the context, but not the handwriting

² *intended*

in Hampshire County Virginia at a place called Cape Capen under the command of General Claypole. He this declarant was marched over on the South fork of the Potomac to Captain Stump's where they got intelligence that the Tories were scattered, where he was dismissed after having served about three weeks – he states he was dismissed by his said Colonel Harrison he states that some days previous to the Battle at James Town there was a party of the British took some beeves from the Americans and there was a company of 150 men under the command of Colonel Willis to retake the beeves among whom this declarant was sent and overtook the British with the cattle fired upon them and beat them until they were reinforced and then they beat the Americans and kept the cattle. He states that he has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person by whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except that annexed. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. He states there is no minister of the gospel residing in his neighborhood who can testify for him. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

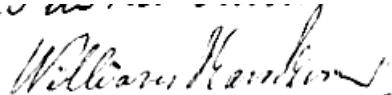
S/ James Magill



[John Whittenberg and Alexander Hall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

William Rankin³ a citizen of Green County certifies that on the 5th day of July 1781 he was in company with James Magill in the detachment that attacked the British picket guard at the Battle of James Town under the command of Major Rucken, that he conversed with the said James McGill being placed in the same colum [?] With the said Magill.

S/ William Rankin



[p. 7: family record:

Thomas Magill was born December 23rd 1790

Robert McGill was born March the 24th 1792

James Magill was born February the 2nd 1795

Nathaniel Magill was born February 28 1797

[indecipherably faint entry]⁴

Hervey Magill was born September the 29th 1801

[p. 10: On May 6, 1844 in Walker County Georgia, Mary Magill , 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Magill a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$21 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married her husband March 10th, 1789 and that he died August 24, 1839. She signed her application with her mark. There is a notation in the file that her claim was rejected because her husband did not serve the requisite 6 months to qualify for a pension.]

[Facts in file: Veteran married Mary McMeans in Greene County Tennessee.]

³ [William Rankin W1081](#)

⁴ a letter in the file indicates that this entry reads "Samuel Wallace was born January 17, 1799

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 ½ months in the Virginia militia.]