

[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 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 Steward. 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 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 intervned 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 if [indecipherable word] the Duties of that Stationed, 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 and 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/ Matthew Vandiver

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

S/ A. Roby, JP

[fn 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.]

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>