Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John McGuire S34426 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. PA VA

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New Jersey Sussex County Ss. Personally appeared before me Jno. Johnson one of the Judges of the Court of common pleas of said County, Jno. McGuire an old Revolutionary soldier, who being duly sworn according to Law deposeth and saith that he served some time as a volunteer in the Service of the US, and in the year 1780 he enlisted for during the war, under Capt. Kilpatrick in the 5th Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colo. Oliver Howell [see endnote] in Gen. Morgans [Daniel Morgan's] Brigade & that he afterwards was put in the Pennsylvania line under Colo. [Walter] Stewart who Commanded an attachment sent to the Southard, and he remained in the Contineltal Service until the end of the war, and was honorably discharged in Philadelphia at the time the army was discharged generally (which discharge he has lost) by adjutant Fullington [sic: Richard Fullerton]. The deponent further says that he now & has for some time lived in Sussex County New Jersey, and is aged 76 years – that he has no property & is very infirm & poor, and incapable of getting a living by manual labour – and that he has a small support of \$40 pr annum from the Common Wealth of Pennsylvania as a pension from said State.

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 6 day of April 1818.

Sussex County Ss. District of New Jersey

on this fifth day of June at a session Begun at Newton in and for the County of Sussex on he fourth Tuesday of may in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Twenty Personally appeared in open court, Before the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey (The said Court of Common Pleas being a Court of Record in the said County, and being a Court Constituted and established by the laws of the State of New Jersey, as a Court of record having A Seal with power to fine and imprison and an unlimited jurisdiction in Civil Cases and whose judgments are only reversible by writ of error at Common Law) John McGuire of the age of eighty four years resident in the Township of Newton in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, late of the Township of Hardiston in the County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revilutionary war as follows 1st enlisted in the Company of Captain James Hamilton at Little York in Pennsylvania in the 4th Reg't commanded by Col. William Butler in May AD 1776 for three years and was discharged at Trenton in the year 1780 after a service of four years in the said Regment -2^d in the fall of the year 1780 he enlisted in the Company of Capt Kirkpatrick in the 5th Reg't of Virginia Commanded by Col Oliver Howell at Fredricksburgh, and in the year 1781 was Transfered [words possibly missing at end of page] exchanged service with James Kirkpatrick of the Company Commanded by Capt Henderson in the 2^d Reg't of Pennsylvania Commanded by Col Steuart remained in the regment untill after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] and then went into South Carrolina where the 1st 2^d and 3^d Regment were Consolidated and formed the first Reg't Commanded by Col Harman [sic: Josiah Harmar, pension application W3246] and remained in this regiment untill the avacuation of Charleston in 1783 [sic: evacuated by the British, 14 Dec 1782] and was discharged from the Servis at Philadelphia in November in the year aforesaid.

And on the sixth day of Apriel in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, he applied for a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month he being a private in the armey aforesaid and on the fifteenth day of October in the year last aforesaid, obtained A Certificate numbered 3693 under the hand and Seal of J. C. Calhoun Secretary at War of the United States payable on the 4th March and 4th September annually at The Trenton Banking Company. And 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and navil 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 have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

And this Deponent further saith that he hath no Trade but is a Common labour aged eighty four years. That he is now Confined in the Common Gaol of the County of Sussex for debt which he is unable to pay. That he is aged and decreped and if at large would be unable to procure for himself a sufficient support. That his family consists only of a wife Aged about sixty years whose name is Lidia who is unable of supporting the family – and this deponent considers himself in such indigent Circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country except by public or private Charity Sworn in open court and declared the 5th day of June AD 1820 John McGuire

John Ogden

Schedule of Property

Real Estate Personal Estate

Except the wearing appearel of myself and family he receives a pension of forty dollars per annum for his services in the State Troops of Pennsylvania from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania John McGuire

NOTE: I found no record of Capt. Kilpatrick or Col. Oliver Howell. There was a Capt. Abraham Kirkpatrick in the 1st Virginia Continental Regiment in 1780.