Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas McGee [McGehee] S5071 f14NC
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State of Tennessee Montgomery County S. S.

Thomas McGee, a citizen resident of the County of Montgomery personally appeared in Open Court this 15th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832, aged seventy years, & who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June in the year 1832. That he was raised from a small boy in the County of Anson in the State of North Carolina & was born in the County of Orange but the record of his age has been lost he is unable to state the time exactly. That he was taken a prisoner by the Tories in the County of Anson & was taken by them into the State of South Carolina where he made his escape & upon his return enlisted in the regular service near the town of Hillsboro for the term of twelve months in a company commanded by Capt. Tilman Dickson [sic, Tilghman Dixon] in what was then termed the first Regiment of Infantry commanded by Col. Henry Dickson [sic, Henry "Hal" Dixon] a brother of the Capt. and a man by the name of Donoho [Thomas Donoho] was the Major. That he was enlisted very soon after the Battle of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781]-- that he was first marched from Hillsboro to the high hills of Santee in South Carolina near a place then known by the name of Thompson's Fort [Thomson's Fort], where we joined the Army under the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and in a few days, General Greene marched his Army to the Eutaw Springs, where they had the battle [September 8, 1781]¹ -- and the said applicant was at that time sick he & others who were sick, together with the baggage wagons were marched to the hills of Santee, where they continued until after the battle and the return of General Greene & they were then marched to a place then known by the name of Bacon's Bridge said to be sixteen miles above Charleston -- that he continued with the troops in the neighborhood of Charleston until after Cornwallis was taken [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] & he was continued in service until the expiration of the term of service for which he enlisted -- that he returned with Col. Dickson [Dixon] to North Carolina where he was discharged and received his discharge from the Col., which he thinks was signed by the Capt. & Col. both -- that after the service was performed, his pay was due him & he sold his claim & transferred his discharge to a man by the name of John Melkers [?]² -- that he knows of no living witness who can prove his services

John Malker,

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution battle of eutaw springs.html

except a man by the name of Thomas Robertson³ and, who served with him in the same Regiment & who at this time he is informed & believes resides in the County of Stewart in the State of Tennessee & who he is informed & believes is now partially deranged & unfit to be called on as a witness -- that he has no written evidence by which his services can [be] proven -- that after the war he returned to Anson where he resided until about the year 1805 or 1806 when he removed to the County of Montgomery in Tennessee where he has ever since resided -- that he is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State or of the United States or of any State -- that he hereby relinquishes all claim to any annuity or pension from the United States except the present one.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year above written. S/ Andrew Vance, Clerk

S/ Thos. McGee, X his mark

[Bird Hardy and Francis Baker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Thomas McGehee a private soldier in Capt. Dixon's company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 28th day of May 1781, for 12 months and left the service on the 1st of June 1782.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of March 1833.

S/Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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³ Thomas Robertson R8890