

### **Pension Application for John Magee**

W.18465 (Widow: Rachel) John died June Second 1844.

State of New York

Otsego county SS

On this fifteenth day of October (AD) 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Otsego now sitting John Magee a resident of the Town of Decatur in the County of Otsego and State of New York aged seventy years the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November last, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

In the year 1779 in the month of June he was drafted in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Schermerhorn and marched from a place at that time called the Hells Barrack, now in the Town of Guilderland in the County of Albany—to Old Schoharie in the County of Schoharie and was stationed at the Stone Meeting House, which was at that time occupied by the Americans as a fort—and belonged to a Regiment commanded by Col. Zeely—after remaining for two or three months at this place he marched up to Middleburgh on the Schoharie Kill, and was there stationed and remained in service until the expiration of four months from the time he entered the service under Capt Schermerhorn and was then dismissed—while he was stationed at Middleburgh he well recollects that a considerable body of Regular Troops were stationed at that place but cannot now recollect the names of any of the officers at that place, belonging to the Continental Army.

And he further states that one the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1780 he enlisted at Schenectady in the County of Schenectady in the State of New York under Capt. Dana for the period of nine months to serve in the Navy—and he belonged to a Regiment commanded by Col. Hay. Marched from Schenectady to Albany at which place he went on board of a boar and proceeded down the Hudson River to a place called Fishkill, remained at Fishkill until some time in the month of May and then went to West Point where he was stationed and remained about seven weeks. Genl McDugal had command of the Fort at West Point at this time—he was then ordered on board of the Brig Lady Washington at that time lying at West Point under the command of Capt. McQuire, and that he continued under Capt. McQuire on board of the Lady Washington until between Christmas & New York, when he was discharged or dismissed from the service.

While he was on board of the Lady Washington he sailed up the Hudson River several times once as far as Albany, also down the river below West Point.—

And a day or two before he was dismissed recollects that it was reported that Capt. McQuire and taken prisoner by the British he had left the brigade and gone on those and did not return while he the said Magee was in said service and he well recollects the one port, that the Capt had been taken by the British.

And he further states that in the month of September 1781 he volunteered into accompany of Militia commanded by Derrick Hemstradt who was then an Ensign residing at the Hellebarrack aforesaid marched to Schenectady and was there stationed under the command of Col. Wemple a militia Colonel residing in Schenectady—remained in the service at Schenectady at this time for at least one month and was then dismissed.—

The he further states that he was born at a place then called the Hellebarrack, now in the town of Guilderland in the County of Albany and State of New York and at which place he continued to reside during the whole period of the War.

That he was born in the year 1761 according to the best information he can obtain, and that he was seventy years of age on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November last.

That about thirty years since he removed from the Hellebarrack in the County of Albany aforesaid, to the County of Otsego and in the Town where he now resides—

That he has no record of his age. That the manner of enlisted called into the service is as above set forth—and the names of the officers who were with the Troops where he served are set forth as far as he can recollect the same.

That he never received any written discharge from the service according to his present recollection—and he further states that Charles Kastle, Robert C. Lansing, Benjamin Dunham, Peter Magee, James S. Stewart persons to whom he is well known residing in his present neighborhood can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolution.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services as a soldier of the Revolution—

And 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. (Signed) John Magee

Sworn to & Subscribed the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 before me. Charles Kastle, Benjamin Dunham, Peter Magee.