

**Pension Application for Luke McGuyer, McGuier, McGuyre**

W.17119 (Widow: Mary) married June 1777 at Nine Partners. Luke died January 11, 1837.

State of New York

Saratoga County SS

On this [blank] day of September in the year A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Saratoga, now sitting Luke McGuyer a resident of the Town of Halfmoon in the County of Saratoga and state of New York aged eighty four years, 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

That he was enlisted by Captain Rufus Herrick in the Precincts of Armenia Dutchess County, State of New York on the fifth day of July A.D. 1775. That about the first day of August following he marched in Capt. Herrick's Company to Tyconderoga, [Ticonderoga] Charles Graham was his first lieutenant & Jesse Thompson second Lieutenant \_\_\_\_\_ Holmes was Colonel and James Clinton was his Lieut. Colonel. St. Johns had been surrendered to General Montgomery before Capt. Herricks Company arived [arrived] at Tyconderoga, Capt.Herrick's Company therefore remained at Tyconderoga during the Campaign. That is until the first of January then next, at which time the term of service of Capt Herrick's Company expired; and this deponent was on the first day of January 1776 discharged by Captain Herrick and the remainder of the Company were discharged at the same time.

A written discharge was given to this Deponent but the same has been lost or destroyed and this Deponent has no knowledge what has become of it. General Schuyler had the command at Tyconderoga during the time that Col. Holmes Regiment was stationed there.

This deponent was again enlisted the last of February or the first of March of the year last mentioned by Captain Malanethon Smith, Isaac Bloom first Lieutenant and William Mead. 2d Lieutenant was enlisted at the same place where he was enlisted the first time.

One Regiment was enlisted at this time for the term of three months & were under the command of Col. Cornelius Humphrey were then marched to the City of New York & were there employed in building a Fort on the East River near Hurls Gate. General Lee was often there when they were building the Fort and gave orders concerning the work.

This deponent was discharged from this service some time in June then next. No written discharge was then given, the Capt hired a vessel and sent the company up to Poughkeepsie—at this time this deponent was in the services about three and [a] half months.

This Deponent was again enlisted at the same place as before; on or about the first of August of the same year by Captain Brinton Payn for the term of five months as

orderly Sergeant Samuel Waters 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. William Mead 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut, Colonels Lewis Graham & \_\_\_\_Hopkins had the command of the Regiment.

The Regiment & this deponent with it were then marched to Kings Bridge about thirty miles from the City of New York, about four miles from Kings Bridge they had a skirmish with the British on a small Island called City Island in this neighborhood. They remained nearly two months, guarding [guarding] the public stores, here Capt. Rayn's Company had a skirmish with the British who had then got above King's Bridge with the remaining stores. This deponent was engaged in the skirmish here & also in that on City Island.

This deponent with Capt. Payn's Company marched to White Plains about seven miles distant & there joined the Regiment again.

General Heth & Governor Clinton – had command of the Division to which Col. Graham's Regiment belonged. The American army then consisted of about fifteen thousand and about this time the Battle at White Plains took place, at which General Washington commanded the right Generals Lee & McDougals the [?] a few days after the Battle at White Plains this Deponent received a warrant to act as Sergent Major and continued to act in that capacity until discharged on the first day of January 1777; the original Discharge was executed by Col. Graham and is hereunto annexed.

The warrant which this deponent received to act as Sergent Major has been lost or destroyed. This deponent has no knowledge what has become of it.

This Deponant was on some other occasions called out on sudden emergencies for short periods and the whole time that this deponent was in the service amounts to rising of Fifteen months.

This deponent's residence was Armenia Dutchess County, State of New York at the several times when called into the service as above stated, resided a short time at Maple Town in the (then) County of Albany, State of New York from there he moved to the Town of Halfmoon, County of Saratoga where he now resides & has resided for more than forty years.

This Deponent knows of no person living, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

And this Deponent in answer to Interrogatories put to him by the Court doth answer as follows.

That he was born as he is informed and believes in the Town of Reding, County of Fairfield State of Connecticut.

That there is a record of his age in the possession of his Brother who resides in the County of Delaware & State of New York.

That he was living at the time he was called into the Service in Armenia in the County of Dutchess & State of New York

That he continued to live there until the latter part of the war, then removed to MapleTown in the then County of Albany, now County of Rensselaer & State of New York; resided there a short time—from MapleTown he removed with his Family to

Halfmoon in the County of Saratoga & State of Ne York where he has continued to reside until this time.

That he went into the service by enlistments, as stated in the foregoing Declaration except that he was once drafted & was called out very short terms when drafted.

That he received two written discharges from the service one of which is lost or destroyed & the other is hereunto annexed as stated in the foregoing Declaration.

That he is known to Hugh Peebles, Guysebert VanDenbergh & Gradue Leversee who are his nearest neighbours and to General VanSchoonhoven, John Cramer & Samuel Stewart who reside in Waterford two or three miles distant from him.

That in addition to the general officers above mentioned General Green was there when this Deponent was at Peekskill when deponent was at White Plains, Col. Morgan's Regiment & Col. Webbs Regiment were there, the latter Regiment were clad in British Clothing as a decoy. (Signed ) Luke McGuyer.

Subscribed & Sworn in Open Court this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832. Thomas Palmer, Clerk

Partial letter in folder dated Feb 24, 1932.

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W.17119

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, W.17119, based upon the military service of Luke McGuyer in that war.

Luke McGuyer (the name also appears as McGuier and McGuyre) was born I Redding, Fairfield County Connecticut, date not given.

While residing in Armenia, Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted July 5, 1775, served as a private in Captain Rufus Herrick's Company, Colonel Holmes New York Regiment and was discharged January 1, 1776. This entire service was rendered at Ticonderoga. He enlisted February 1, 1776 or March 1, 1776, and served three and one half months in Captain Melancton Smith's Company, Colonels Cornelius Humphrey's New York Regiment. He again enlisted August 1, 1776, served as orderly sergeant in Captain Brinton Paine's Company, Colonel Lewis Graham's New York Regiment, and was in the battle of White Plains, and a few days thereafter received a warrant as sergeant major. He stated that he was also in two skirmishes in the last tour, one at City Island, about four miles from King's Bridge and another, the name of which he did not give, and was discharged on January 1, 1777.

After the Revolution, he resided at Mapletown, then Albany County, New York for a few years; from there moved to Half Moon, Saratoga County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 4, 1832, at which time he was eighty-four years and resided in Half Moon, New York, where he had then lived for more than forty years.

He died January 11, 1837.

The soldier married July 1, 1775, at Nine Partners or Pleasant Valley (both places appear in the claim), Dutchess County, New York, Mary, her maiden name not given.

Soldier's widow, Mary, was allowed pension on her application executed January 1, 1838, at which time she was aged eighty-six years and resided in Half Moon, New York.

She died in 1840, exact date not shown.

It was stated that they reared a large family, the only name given is son Daniel, the oldest who was born March 9, 1776, and died February 23, 1827. Daniel Married May 23, 1801, Sarah Whitney, who was born March 8, 1785. Sarah was residing in Waterford, Saratoga County, New York in 1839.

Children of Daniel and Sarah McGuyer:

Phebe born August 30, 1802, died August 31, 1807.

Charlotte born April 27, 1805.

Harriet born October 6, 1807.

Henry born November 1, 1809

William born November 6, 1811.

Ezekiel born December 26, 1813.

Lucy born May 2, 1816.

A brother of the soldier was residing in Delaware County, New York in 1832; his name is not stated and there are no further family data.