

JAMES MAGILL

Pension application of James Magill R6827  
Transcribed by Will Graves

Mary Magill

f44VA  
2/18/13

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State of Tennessee Green County: September Term 1832

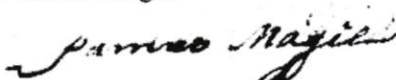
On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powel Judge of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity for Green County James Magill a citizen of Green County, aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States a drafted man in Rockingham County Virginia the year not recollected but was marched in September under the command of Colonel Benjamin Harrison, Major Bermeter [?] from Hampshire County Virginia, Captain Cravens [probably Robert Craven] & Lieutenant William Herron [probably William Herring] and was marched on to the Muskindon [Muskingum] River against the Shawnee Indians & British, he was marched and crossed the Ohio River 20 or 30 miles below Pittsburg he states that during his stay on the Muskindom they built one Fort called Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens], though they built one Fort on the Ohio previous to their [indecipherable word]<sup>1</sup> on the Muskindom called Fort Mackintosh [Fort McIntosh] after the General [Lachlan McIntosh] who commanded as General that Campaign, he also states that there was also a Regiment of Regulars Joined us at Fort McIntosh from Pennsylvania commanded by Colonel Broadhead, he states that he was not in any particular battle as there was a peace or terms concluded upon between the Americans and Indians during said Tour he was then marched back to Fort McIntosh where he was discharged verbally by what particular officer discharge he does not now recollect, after having served four months. He states that in June following or June following one year he was drafted in Rockingham County Virginia for two months and was marched under Colonel Harrison, Major Hambleton [probably Gawen Hamilton], Captain Herron [probably William Herring] down near Richmond under General Campbell, were marched to Petersburg Virginia from thence back to Richmond from thence to James Town Virginia where he was in a Battle between General Wayne & Lord Cornwallis he states General Lafayette was also a General at that, from James Town he was marched to Bottoms Bridge below Richmond where he was discharged after having served out his two months Tour and was verbally discharged by General Campbell's aid as he now believes whose name he has forgotten. He states that in the May previous to his being drafted the last Tour, he volunteered under Colonel Harrison & Captain Craven in Rockingham County Virginia to go against the Tories who had [indecipherable word]<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *arrival* "arrival" fits the context, but not the handwriting

<sup>2</sup> *indecipherable*

in Hampshire County Virginia at a place called Cape Capen under the command of General Claypole. He this declarant was marched over on the South fork of the Potomac to Captain Stump's where they got intelligence that the Tories were scattered, where he was dismissed after having served about three weeks – he states he was dismissed by his said Colonel Harrison he states that some days previous to the Battle at James Town there was a party of the British took some beeves from the Americans and there was a company of 150 men under the command of Colonel Willis to retake the beeves among whom this declarant was sent and overtook the British with the cattle fired upon them and beat them until they were reinforced and then they beat the Americans and kept the cattle. He states that he has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person by whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except that annexed. 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. He states there is no minister of the gospel residing in his neighborhood who can testify for him. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

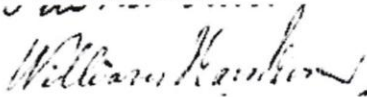
S/ James Magill



[John Whittenberg and Alexander Hall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

William Rankin<sup>3</sup> a citizen of Green County certifies that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1781 he was in company with James Magill in the detachment that attacked the British picket guard at the Battle of James Town under the command of Major Rucken, that he conversed with the said James McGill being placed in the same colum [?] With the said Magill.

S/ William Rankin



[p. 7: family record:

Thomas Magill was born December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1790

Robert McGill was born March the 24<sup>th</sup> 1792

James Magill was born February the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1795

Nathaniel Magill was born February 28 1797

[indcipherably faint entry]<sup>4</sup>

Hervey Magill was born September the 29<sup>th</sup> 1801

[p. 10: On May 6, 1844 in Walker County Georgia, Mary Magill , 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Magill a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$21 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married her husband March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1789 and that he died August 24, 1839. She signed her application with her mark. There is a notation in the file that her claim was rejected because her husband did not serve the requisite 6 months to qualify for a pension.]

[Facts in file: Veteran married Mary McMeans in Greene County Tennessee.]

<sup>3</sup> [William Rankin W1081](#)

<sup>4</sup> a letter in the file indicates that this entry reads "Samuel Wallace was born January 17, 1799



is no minister of the gospel <sup>in</sup> his neighbourhood  
who can testify for him. Sworn to and subscribed

the day & year aforesaid. James Magill

11<sup>th</sup> mo in the year 1781  
Wm. Loring Clerk  
John Whelan & Alexander Hall do  
humbly certify that we are well acquainted with  
James Magill, who has subscribed and sworn to the  
above Certificate that we believe him to be a young  
fair young man of age that he is reputed and believed  
in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been  
a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in  
that opinion Sworn to and subscribed the day

and year aforesaid. John Whittenberg

Wm. Loring Clerk  
By M. Pappey  
William Rankin a citizen of Green County  
certifies that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1781, he was  
in company with James Magill in the detachment  
that attacked the British Post at the  
Battle of James Town under the command of  
Major Rankin. that he conversed with the  
said James Magill being placed in the same  
column with the said Magill.

Sworn to & subscribed the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1792  
Wm. Loring Clerk  
and the said Court doth hereby declare. By M. Pappey  
their opinion, after the investigation of the matter &  
after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war  
department. that the above named applicant was  
a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states  
& it further appears to the said Court that John Whit-  
-tenberg & Alexander Hall, who have signed  
the foregoing certificate are residents of Green

William Rankin the witness is  
an acting magistrate of Greene County  
& has acted in that capacity for  
more than twenty years. James  
McGill the applicant is also known  
to me and is of respectable  
J. Blair

1856  
Ernan DeLoach  
James Magill

**William Rankin was also a Revolutionary War Soldier. Refer to the article on the Rankin Family of Greene County and later Jefferson County, Tennessee.**

James Magill was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 1/2 months in the Virginia Militia.



HOME OF JAMES MAGILL IN MONROE COUNTY, TENN.  
PLACE OF HIS DEATH IN 1840.



APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE

ORIGINAL

Per War

*ver uspo*  
*No further file also.*

NAME <b>Magill, James.</b>		RANK <b>Pvt.</b>	COMPANY <b>Col. Benjamin Harrison</b> <b>Captain Craven</b>	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	DATE OF DEATH <b>Aug 24, 1839</b>
If World War veteran—		NAME OF CEMETERY <b>Madisonville Tenn.</b>		CITY <b>Madisonville</b>	
Division	State	Emblem	STATE <b>Tenn.</b>		
		Christian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hebrew None			

TO BE SHIPPED TO **Mrs. R.C. Kimbrough**  
*Sweetwater* (name of consignee)  
at **Madisonville Tenn**  
(Give town, county, and State) **517877**

PERMANENT ADDRESS **Madisonville Tenn**  
DATE **Feb. 3, 1933**  
I hereby agree to accept the headstone at above destination, freight prepaid, and properly place same at decedent's grave.  
**Mrs. R. C. Kimbrough**, Consignee.

**FEB 17 1933**  
DO NOT WRITE HERE

Verified  
**TATE, GEORGIA MAR 7 1933**

Ordered

From

Shipped **3/24/33**

Address **Clackamanga, Ga** Date **Feb. 12, 1933**

This application is for the UNMARKED\* grave of a **Revolutionary**. It is understood the stone will be furnished and delivered at the railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated, at Government expense, freight prepaid, and agreed it will be promptly removed and set up at private expense.

†State whether soldier, sailor, marine, Army nurse, etc.  
**Mrs. A. S. Bowen**, Applicant.

\*Stones must not be requested for any grave at which a private stone, monument, or other permanent marker is already erected or is to be erected. 3-8654



**JAMES MAGILL**  
**Died August 24, 1839**

**Madisonville Cemetery**  
**Monroe County, Tennessee**

January 7, 1938

Mrs. Mary Magill Coppus  
35 Temple Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

James Magill  
R. 6827  
BA-J/ANF

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of James McGill or Magill of Rockingham County, Virginia.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, R. 6827, based upon the service of James Magill in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of James Magill were not given, nor were the names of his parents stated.

James Magill enlisted in Rockingham County, Virginia, in the month of September, year not given, and served four months as private in Captain Craven's company, Colonel Benjamin Harrison's Virginia regiment, was out against the Shawnee Indians, and assisted in building Forts McIntosh and Laurens. He volunteered, shortly afterwards, and served three weeks in Captain Craven's company in Colonel Harrison's regiment, in pursuit of Tories in Hampshire County. He enlisted sometime in June, 1781, served two months in Captain Hannon's (?) company in Colonel Harrison's regiment, and was in the battle of Jamestown.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 4, 1832, at which time he was seventy-four years of age, and a resident of Greene County,



Tennessee.

James Magill married March 10, 1789 in Greene County, Tennessee, Mary McMeans. He died August 24, 1839.

The widow, Mary Magill, was living in 1844 in Walker County, Georgia, then aged seventy-six years. The date and place of her birth and names of her parents were not given.

The names of the children of James Magill and his wife, Mary, follow as found in the claim-

Thomas	born December	23, 1790
Robert	" March	24, 1792
James	" February	2, 1795
Nathaniel	" February	28, 1797
Samuel Wallace	" January	17, 1799
Hervey	" September	29, 1801.

One Thomas Magill a resident of Sullivan County, Tennessee, in 1851, state that he was "one of the heirs at law of James Magill late of the State of Tennessee" who was a Revolutionary War pensioner. Degree of relationship was not shown.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator