

**Pension Application for Edward McGoraghey, McGourkey, McGoraghy, McGorkey**  
W.21196 (Widow: Mary) Married in 1787. Edward died in 1818. Mary died April 21, 1845, three children survived her, Jom Floy, Catherine McMurdy, and Mary Dewilligar.

Family Record

Births

My daughter Jam McGourkey was born 1788, December 17<sup>th</sup>.  
My daughter Ann McGourkey was born 1791, April 1<sup>st</sup>.  
My daughter Catharine McGourkey was born 1793, April 14<sup>th</sup>.  
My daughter, Rosannah McGourkey was born 1799, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.  
My son, William McGourkey was born 1801, October 16<sup>th</sup>.  
My daughter Mary Ann McGorkey was born 1806 May 30<sup>th</sup>.  
My son Edward McGourkey was born 1809, March 11<sup>th</sup>.  
My daughter Elizabeth McGourkey was born 1811, Sec. 30<sup>th</sup>

Deaths

William McGorkey died in 1817, August the 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Edward McGorkey Sr. died 1818, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

State of New York

City & County of New York SS.

Margaret McGoraghey a resident of the City of New York, aforesaid, being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that she is 85 years old, that she is the widow of John McGoraghey, late of the City of Albany in said state of New York deceased.—

That her husband, the said John McGoraghy was a pensioner of the United States; that he died in the said City of Albany on the 2d day of November A.D. 1833.

Deponent further saith that she was married to the said John McGoraghey on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July A.D. 1792 in said City of Albany – that they resided in said city from the time of their said marriage to the day of her said husband's death after which deponent removed to the City of New York where she has ever since resided.

She further saith that her husband the said John McGoraghey, had a brother by the name of Edward, who also resided in the said City of Albany—that the said Edward McGoraghey's wife's name was Mary. That at the time of this deponent's marriage in the year 1792 as aforesaid, the said Edward and Mary McGaghey were living together as husband and wife and had at that time two children, (viz) Jam, and Nancy and that the said Edward and Mary had an other child, born in the month of April next after Deponents marriage, named Catharine—and deponent further saith that the said Edward and Mary McGoraghey, lived together as husband and wife from this deponent's earliest acquaintance with them to the day of said Edwards death, which took place at his residence in Chapel Street in the City of Albany on, or about the year 1818.

That he left the said Mary McGoraghey his widow, that the said Mary remained the widow of the said Edward to the day of her death, which went [sic] occurred at her

residence on Arbor Hill in said City of Albany in the month of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty five, but Deponent cannot remember the exact dates.

Deponent further saith that the said Edward and Mary had in all twelve children, including those above named—of whom only two are now living (viz) Catharine McMindy and Mary Dewilligar; that the oldest child Jam Flag died three years ago, leaving no children—that the three children last above named (viz) Jam, Catharine, and Mary were the only children of the said Edward and Mary McGoraghey, living at the time of the said Mary's death.

Deponent further saith, that she had often heard her husband, the said John McGoraghey say that the said Edward McGoraghy, drew land for his services in the Revolution; and that he sold said land and bought the place in Chapel Street where he (the said Edward) resided for many years before his death, as aforesaid.

And Deponent further saith that "McGoraghey" is the correct mode of spelling the name but that it is differently spelled by different persons, that even her own son William G. Spells his name "McGourkey" that the name is frequently spelled as pronounced "McGurkey" but that her husband the said Johon McGoraghey & Father (James McGoraghey) always spelled the name "McGoraghey"--& Deponent has no doubt that that [sic] is the original and correct mode of spelling the name. (Signed with her mark) Margaret McGoraghey

Subscribed and sworn to on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1855 before me. D.F. Curry [Cmofplease]

State of New York – Secretary's Office.

Albany May 3d 1855.

I certify that the original return of Michael Connolly of the New York Continental Line of the Revolutionary Army filed in this office. May 5, 1785, contains the name of Edward Magarrahee as a private in Capt. John C. Ten Broeck's Company with First Regiment—that 600 acres of land in township No. 9 were awarded to Edward McGarache a private in the same company and regiment—and that a patent for said 600 acres of land was issued to said Edward McGamache being lots No. 56 in the township of Marcellus (No. 9) on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1790 which patent was delivered to Lieutenant Col. VanDyck for Edward McGramche. Judging from the books of this officer the name spelled above in them different ways, was the name of one and the same man.

The patent is recorded in Book No. 4 of military patents at page 207. In a list of the lots of Township N. Y. Marcellus, with the grantees the page and book of patents and number of acres in the lots granted to Edward McGamiche is set down as the patent of Lot No. 56 in said township while in an alphabetical list of the names contained in Connelly's Return, showing the number of acres granted to each person. Edward Maganabee of the Eighth company in the first regiment (Capt. Johel TenBroecks Company) is stated to have received 600 acres of land. A. G. Johnson Dep. Sec. of State.