

Pension Application for John McCord

W.19870 (Widow: Sarah) Married December 22, 1789. John died October 24, 1837.

John McCord his Book

Sarah Terweliger was born June 6th 1771 on Wensday and was married December 22th 1789 to John McCord and their first child was born September 17th 1790.

1. Mary born on Friday morning about half one.
2. Robert born on Wensday at 10 in the morning November 16th 1791.
3. Leah born June 15th 1794 on Sunday at one in after noon.
4. Kezia born December 13th 1796 on Twesday at half after 5 oclocke in the afternoon.
5. Agness born December 28th 1798 on Friday half after 9 oclck in the Marning.
6. William Born March 15th 1801 on Sunday at 2 oclck in the afternoon.
7. Sarah born June 22th 1803 on Wensday past 6 oclock
8. In the afternoon also Elizabeth about half an hour later.
9. Catherine born Feb 11th 1806, on Twesday at 7 in the morning.
10. Sollomon Gilbert born Augt 19th 1808 on Friday at 2 in the morning.
11. Andrew born January 20th 8 on Sunday at eight in the evening.

Sarah Elisabeth Palmer born September 5, 1834 on Friday morning 2 oclocok

C. Christian McCorel born October the 5 1814 on Wensday morning.

Theodore born March 5th 1822 at ten oclock in the morning.

Our seckond child born June 22 1837 on Thursday 2 oclock afternoon lived six hours.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this 21st day of July 1832 personally appeared before me John Jansen one of the Judges of the Court of common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster—John McCord a resident of the Town of Shawangunk In the said County aged 84 years, 7 month 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 7th June 1832. Viz.

That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That 1st he in March 1776 volunteered for 4 months in the regiment commanded by Colonel Palmer—that he volunteered in Shawangunk aforesaid under Lieutenant Wm. Erwin in the company commanded by Capt Drake and went from Shawangunk to Fort Montgomery and [?] at Fort Montgomery was then employed at building the Fort rigging 6-32 [?] Cannon that was sent up from New York and drew the Cannon from the Dock to the fort and was dismissed at Fort Montgomery and was afterwards paid in Shawangunk about 1 month afterwards.—at New Hurley Church – Col. Palmer was In Chief Command was engineer at the Fort—Capt Billings from New York City assisted him.

Next he was called out with the regiment commanded by Col. Johanus Jansen Capt. Jacob Robinson & went on an [?] for the term of ___ ½ a month & was dismissed—to Fort Montgomery his Service of 1776. Next he was with Colonel Johanus Jansen Regiment called out and served for the term of 1 ½ months at Haverstraw that they went in November 1776 in the said Regiment in the company of Capt. Robinson and was dismissed at Haverstraw—that during the said service he was in a skirmish with a British Guard that was guarding a company of Wood Cutters Cutting wood along the river for the use of the British army that the same fled to New York.

Next he was in the month of January 1777—classed in Shawangunk from the Regiment of Col. Jansen for the term of 2 months to go to Haverstraw again—that he went from Shawangunk under the command of Capt. William in Col. Partridge Regiment that after the service of the month the troops time were out & they came home except about 24 men who was prevailed upon by Col. Paulding to stay for ;2 weeks more until he could [go?] to Kingston & make provision with the State Congress for more troops.

That he was one of the men that stayed for the said ½ month and during said time they had an engagement with some Tories & took 2 prisoners & kept them irons until the return of the Major from Orange County don't remember his name took bond for the same in the penalty of £1000. Each from the prisoners.

Next in the month of March 1777 he was a volunteer for 4 months in the company commanded by Captain Johanus Hardenburgh in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Paulding and that he volunteered in New Path and went from there to Fort Clinton and lay there for the said Term—That General & George Clinton (that George Clinton was elected Governor in the following June and during said service) were in command at the First that Col. Dubois' Regiment of Regular troops were lying there at that time that Captain Moody Company of Artillery [Artillery] were there also at that time.

Next in the year 1777—in the month of September—the Regiment of Johanus Jansen was classed in bodies of [?] men each of which was to furnish one man on the 7th of October the Fort Montgomery was taken & the regiment & classes got word the same night and marched to New Windsor on the 8th that in a few days thereafter a British Sloop come up to search the river for a Cheval-de-frize & the passage through the same and marched from New Windsor to Kingston under the Command of Colonel Dubois in the rear of his regiment that the troops did not get to Kingston in time that Kingston was burned before they arrived that he then layed at Hurley near Kingston for about 4 weeks and marched from thence to Newburgh & laid there until he was dismissed at the end of said service. That he was classed for 3 months and served as aforesaid for 2 ½ months as hereinto from last set forth—he was not called out until 2 weeks after he was classed.

Next he was classed from the same regiment for 8 days to work at West Point and went & did do the said service of ¼ of a month in 1778 in Spring.

Next he was ordered by Captain Robinson of Colonel Jansens Regiment in the month of August 1778 for 1 month to go over the Shawangunk Mountain to Mamakating on the Frontier[and don't remember the] Capt Cross under which he was placed there was no troops lying there but one company kept there to Guard the Indians—which makes as above the term of 1 month –

Next in 1779 in August he was again called out for 1 month to go to the same place for said Term under his own Captain Robinson.

That in Nov don't remember the year the Regiment of Col. Johnstown was again classed and 2/5 of the same were ordered out for 3 months it was at the time that County D'Esting was expected with the French Fleet—and he was marched from Shawangunk to Newburgh thence cross the river to Fishkill Church were they were drilled and before placed under the command of Captain Conklin in the Regiment of Colonel Haythorn & (Col. Hasbrouck Lieutenant Col) & they had a Brigadier General from New England—who had the charge of Drilling the Troops (Don't remember his name) and layed there untill we received word that said French fleet were captured near Jamacia & they were then dismissed—the purpose for which they were traisted was the storming of New York which failed under the capture of the expected fleet the said service was for 1 ¼ month.

That in the year 1780 & 81 & 82 & 83 he was called out to the frontier for at least 8 or 9 Times at Least 1 week each time to Guard & protect the frontier from the Indians they were making frequent small depredations upon frontiers being within about 10 miles of his residence—making a service of a[t] least 2 months & several other small services but cannot possible be more explicit consistent with oath—but is sensible he has served for at least 3 years could be define the particulars of each separate engagement but can only claim for the time set forth in advance of the [?] of the above declaration viz for 20 ½ months in the whole.

To the Interrogatories as per the Instructions of the Secretary of War this deponent answers to the -----

1st That he was born in Air Shire Scotland in the 1747 new Stile? The 29 December

2nd that is age is recorded in Colmenel Church on the 5th day of Jany following that he has a Scotch Family Bible that has his said age recorded in.

3rd That when he was 26 ½ years of age in the year 1774 he emigrated to America he landed at New York and went to Shawangunk the 6th of July 1774 – where he has ever resided since except when in the Army. That his family resides in said Town, that he had had 18 children by 2 wifes 16 of which are now living.

4th & 5th he has as particularly as conveniently can be given in detail the answer to the said interrogatories.

6th That he has never received a written discharge.

7th I am well known to many Inhabitants of Shawangunk and that Jacob Clearwater that Benjamin T. Terwilliger, Evert Hoffman, Peter Decker, David Winfield & others living in Shawangunk and Michael Billinger living in New York & Wm Erwin near Albany can testify to his services aforesaid.

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

That he is unable to attend Court in consequence of an eruption he has and from a lameness in his hip the same having been broken the place of holding the court being 27 miles from his residence.

(Signed with his mark) John McCord

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. John Jansen one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster aforesaid.