

Pension Application for John McIntosh

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State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this twelfth day of October in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting John McIntosh a resident of the town of Glenville in said County & State, aged upwards of seventy 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 7th 1832.

He was born in Plymouth, England in the Kingdom of Great Britain on the fourteenth day of June 1758. He has no record of his age except that contained in his family Bible.

When called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution, he was living in the town of Niskayuna in the ten County of Albany and since the revolutionary war he has lived in the said town of Niskayuna until last fall, when he removed to the town of Glenville & he now lives in the town of Glenville—aforesaid.

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

In the spring of the year 1776, he was enrolled in Captain Nanning Fisher's Colmpany of Militia in James VanSchoonhoven's Regiment. His other Company officers were Nicholas I. Van Vranken and John VanVranken, Lieutenants & Mans VanVranken Ensign.

In the latter part of this year (as he thinks) he was ordered out with a detachment of militia & guarded the military stores at Halfmoon point for the term of three weeks & more. In the spring of the year 1777, he served between three and four weeks in a detachment consisting of more than 300 men under Colonel Warner. In this expedition he marched to Jessup's patent in pursuit of tories who rendezvoused there.

In the fall of the year 1777, when Burgoyne was captured, he was drafted & served with his company for the term of two months in that Northern Campaign.

In the year 1778 about harvest time he was out with his Regiment to Lake George by order of Governor Clinton, to intercept a party of Tories & rescue some American prisoners, but not understanding the navigation of said Lake sufficiently well, this expedition failed. He served in this expedition about twenty-two days.

In the fall of the year last named he marched to Cherry Valley with a detachment of militia, and was absent on this tour about fourteen days.

While a member of said Company of Militia he was ordered out under Col. Gordon & served for two weeks at German flatts, thence marched to Fort Plank as it was reported the Indians had made an attack in that quarter; thence to Johnstown for the term of two weeks, thence to Stone Arabia under General Ten Broeck—all under one engagement. He was also drafted to go to Ballston when it was destroyed by the

enemy in the fall of 1780—served in this tour one week – also marched to the Schoharie forts & remained there on duty for the term of one month.

He has also been out in several scouting parties round Saratoga Lake & places beyond fort Edward in search of Tories who carried intelligence to the enemy. The whole period of his services in the militia therefore, counting only that time when he was out in distant expeditions exceeded seven months.

In the month of July 1780, he enlisted for the term of four months in captain Lansing's Company of state Troops in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment. Jellis A. Fonda was his lieutenant in this Company. He served out said term of four months & was discharged. In this engagement he marched to West Point—Dobb's Ferry, Stony Point, Haverstraw, Fort Lee & thence to Albany. Part of his Regiment then went up the Mohawk River, the rest to Fort Edward. He belonged to the division that was ordered to the west. He marched to Schoharie, saw it destroyed by Sir John Johnson & his army; pursued him & marched to Fort Hunter.

In the spring of the year 1781, he enlisted & served for the term of nine months in Captain Abraham Livingston's Company in the last named Regiment—and served during said nine months at Ballston & Saratoga.

He was discharged from this last service on the 20th December 1781 & this discharge was signed by Major Fink, which is now lost.

The battles & skirmishes in which he engaged were as follows—He was in the encounter [they] had with a British Brig near Tappan in 1780, was in a battle at Schoharie when Sir Johnson made an incursion in that quarter.

He the claimant while in the Companies of Captains Lansing & Livingston aforesaid was an orderly sergeant for the term of nine months.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Marinus Willett, Jellis A. Fonda &c.

He never received an written discharge from the service.

He has no other documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit. Andam VanVranken & James V.S. Ryley.

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 with his mark) John McIntosh.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman
Clerk.