

Pension Application for John McLean

W.17122 (Widow: Maria) Married February 9, 1782. Maria's maiden name was Maria Marius Groen. John died October 9, 1811.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the third Section of the act of Congress of the 4th July 1836.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this thirteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before me Jacob Snyder one of the Judges of the County Courts in and for said County of Ulster Maria McLean a resident of the town of Kingston County of Ulster and State of New York aged eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of John McLean deceased who at the commencement of the revolutionary war resided in the town of Kingston aforesaid.

That she has often heard the said John McLean say that he volunteered in the Military service of the State of New York in a Company of Levies at the commencement of the revolutionary war—and was principally engaged towards the Canadas and as she now believes for the term of four or five months—and from her present recollection he acted in the capacity of a Seargeant [sic] and returned home late in the fall of 1775.

That he has also told her that he had been engaged as a Sergant for the term of five months and was stationed at different places near the City of New York and was there at the time the British army arrived—and was there at the time the British army arrived—and retreated from thence to KingsBridge and from thence to White Plains—and was there at the time the battle was fought between a part of the American & British army and remained there and its vicinity untill late in the fall which she believes was in the year 1776.

She further declares that in consequence of the lapse of time she does not distinctly [distinctly] recollect under what officers he served in the aforesaid campaigns but believes the first was either in Captain Elias Hasbrouck's of Capt. Johannis Brugns Company in Colonel Wynkoop's Regiment –and the last mentioned service she believes was in Captain Graase Hardenburghs Company & either in Colonel Levi Pawlings or Colonel Johannis Hardenburghs Regiment—and in both campaigns he was a Seargeant for the term of four or five months each.

She further declares that at or near the close of the last mentioned service—the said John McLean has often told this applicant that he enlisted in orn of the Regiments of the New York line for during the war and as she now believes as a Seargeant, that he has often told her that he had been engaged in several battles and skirmishes during the period of his enlistment and as she now believes remained in said Service until the close of the revolutionary war or untill he was discharged.

That she believes he served during the revolutionary war for the term of six or seven years.

She further declares that she cannot now recollect the names of the officers of the company or regiment in which the said John McLean served—but believes he was well acquainted with Colonel Lewis Dubois and Col. VanSchaick.

She further declares that she believes he was well acquainted with General Washington to whom quarters he had often been sent by the officers of the Regiment and company in which he belonged—and had often been invited and dined on such occasions at General Washington's head quarters when not on business as above stated.

She further declares that while in the last mentioned service the said John McLean returned home on furlow [furlough] several times to the town of Kingston aforesaid.

That in the beginning of the winter of 1782 the said John McLean returned home and was married to this declarant and remained home a short time and returned to his Station in the Army and remained there until duly discharged.

She further declares that she was legally married to the said John McLean the Ninth day of eighty two—that the ceremony was performed by the Reverend Jno Doll Clergyman then of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church in said town of Kingston.

That her maiden name was Maria Marius Groen—and that her husband the said John McLean died the ninth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and eleven and that she has ever since that period remained and is still the widow of the said John McLean as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She further declares that she has no documentary evidence neither does she know of any living witness to prove any of the statements of the above mentioned services of her husband the said John McLean deceased—and that in consequence of extreme old age and consequent loss of memory she may be incorrect in some of the foregoing statements—but believes she is legally entitled to a pension and which she now is in need of and is in hopes her prayer will be granted. (Signed with her mark)
Maria McLean

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before me this 13th day of June 1839 and that in consequence of age and infirmity the said applicant is unable to attend court.

Jacob Sawyer one of the Judges of the County Court of Ulster County.

Letter in folder dated October 27, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.17122, it appears that John McLean while residing at Kingston, Ulster County, New York, served from 1775 to the close of the war at various times as a sergeant under Captains Elias Hasbrouck, Johannis Bruyn and Hardenberg, Colonels Wynkoop's and Levi Pawling's New York Regiment and was in the retreat from New York and in some skirmishes and served in all about two years.

He died October 9, 1811 in Kingston, New York.

The soldier married, February 9, 1782, at Kingston, New York, Maria Marius Groen. She was allowed pension on her application executed June 13, 1839, at which time she was living in Kingston, New York, aged eighty years. Their daughter, Margaret Schoonmaker, a widow, in 1838 was living in Kingston, aged forty-six years. Their son, John, in 1839, was fifty-seven years of age and living at Cato, Cayuga County, New York.