

Pension Application for Henry McNiel

W.2143 (Widow: Nancy) Henry died May 16, 1844.

State of New York

Oneida County SS

Declaration. On this thirteenth day of July eighteen hundred and thirty three personally appeared before Nathan J Elmenbull Esqr one of the Judges of Ulster Court of Common Pleas of said County said Court being a Court of Record by statute at Paris in said County Henry McNiel a resident of Paris aforesaid—aged seventy 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 on June 17, 1832.

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

That in the Town of Union, then County of Windham now County of Tolland in the State of Connecticut—on the fifteenth of July to the best of this deponents recollection and belief in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine.

He was drafted from Company of Infantry commanded by Capt. Thomas Lawson of Col. Chapman's Regt of the Conn't Militia into a company of Drafted Militia commanded by Capt. Jedediah Amadown of the Regt aforesaid.—

That this deponent served in said company of drafted men as a private —two months and was honorably discharged—at New London—the last of September in the year aforesaid; that this deponent joined the said Capt Amadowns Company—at Willington then in the County of Hartford—now Tolland County:--

That Major Pease commanded the Regt to which said last named Company belonged (as drafted men) that said company marched from Willington to Mansfield—thence to Windham to Norwich and New London--that this deponent was (as a private in said Company stationed four weeks at New London as he believes) Then marched to Black Point—remained at Blacks Point three weeks l(as he believes) thence to New London—and was stationed at New London; and was stationed at New London—the said time.

That Genl Taylor commanded at N. London--; That there were two or three days at New Lond.—at the time when this deponent was stationed at New London as aforesaid, but that this deponent not now recollect the Col names who commanded said Regt.—That an English Sloop of War — lay off New London—at the time of said service.

That on the fifteenth of June (as this Deponent believes) in the year seventeen hundred and eighty; at the Town of Union In the County of Tolland aforesaid this deponent enlisted as a private in Captain Webbs Company—Col. Durfees Regt commanded by Lieut Col. Sumner—of Genl Parsons Brigade—of the Connecticut Line of the Continental troops—for the period of six months.

That this deponent with other recruits—for said Regt were mustered in Hartford Conn't by Lieut Miller of Col Willis Reg and marched by Lt Miller to Nelson's Point (now the Hudson)—That they joined their Regt at Nelson's Point, that this deponent

remained at Nelsons' Point (as a private in said Comp'y four or five weeks--: That said Brigade marched from Nelsons Point to Kings Ferry;--: County of Westchester—thence to Tappan:--That the said Brigade remained at Tappan, a month; that said Brigade lay at Tappan at the time of Arnold's treason from Tappan said Brigade marched to Hackensack & English Neighbourhood, and back to Tappan. And was present, and witnessed the execution of Andre:-- from Tappan marched to Toleway (in New Jersey) and remained till late In November--:thence recrossed the Hudson by the same route; that at the [??] for the During the war men & three years [?].

That the said six months men were recruited to supply the places of the first [?] years men till their places could be filled with recruits for those years. That he this deponent was known & honorably discharged at the Highlands. [?] the fifteenth of December of the years aforesaid –(as he believes).

That he was born at Union, in the County of Tolland—aforesaid; in the year seventeen hundred and sixty three.

That he was living at Union when entered into said service as aforesaid.

That in 1779 he was drafted in [?] enlisted as above stated.

That Col. Maggs' Regt was of Genl Parson's Brigade--: Col [?] Regt were also of said Brigade; and those were present with their commands.

That he received a discharge from Col. Durkee's Regt signed by Capt John Durkee—([?] commandant of the Regt.)

That Wm Doolittle Esqr and she said pensioners [?] Smith are persons residing in his present neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he knows of no other evidence of said services—than that herewith exhibited.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is onto the pension list Roll of the agency of Any State.

That he removed from Union to Springfield Mass in Jany 1784—that he removed to his present place of residence In the year 1790—and has resided in his present residence the forty two years last past. That he now resides in Paris aforesaid. (Signed) Henry McNiel

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Nathan Kimball Judge of Oneida Common Pleas