

Pension Application for John McNitt or McNutt

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State of New York

Chenango County SS.

On the ninth day of October AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of said County, now sitting.

Present:

Jno. Tracy

Nathan Taylor

Levi Bigelow

Hezekiah Reed

Charles York, Judges

John McNutt, a resident of the town of Norwich in the County of Chenango N.Y. aged seventy three 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 7, 1832.

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

In the year 1777 at about the first of June at Salem, Washington County NY he was called out into the Ranks of the New York Troops by the orders of Captain Hutchinson. The officers of the Company were Captain Hutchinson—Lieutenant Long and Ensign Stewart—John Williams was Colonel of the Regiment and one Armstrong, Major.

He joined his company at Salem and marched immediately with the Regiment to Ticonderoga, through Vermont. This regiment was called out to reinforce the Continental troops.

They arrived at Ticonderoga in June—stayed here about two weeks and then retreated from the Fort back to Salem the way they marched out—after reaching Salem he was engaged with the troops in building a Piquet round the Meeting House which was done.

He remained (he thinks) in the Fort and scouting round some three or four weeks, as near as he can recollect when on the approach of Burgoyne's Army, they retreated from before him and were dispersed—and he went home to his friends in Hosack having been out full two months.

In the next year at Salem aforesaid he was classed and called out in a company of Troops commanded by Captain Long & Lieutenant Stewart—Alexander Webster was Colonel of the Regiment—the name of the adjutant he thinks was Nathan Morgan and General Williams had command of the Brigade.

About May or June (don't recollect which) he marched with his company Skeenesboro (now White Hall) to join a company of 9 months men that lay there—

He was relieved here at the end of one month and went home at the end of the month was again called out to White Hall where he served another month—making in;

all that season two months—one Andrew Simpson, William McCoy were called out with him and served with him.

In the year 1779, at the same place under the same officers in the same company and Regiment about the same time of the year which was after the leaves had got thick upon the trees was called out again twice to go to White Hall which duty he performed and served two tours of a month at a time—Andrew Simpson and Nathan Hopkins were with him at the time.

In the year 1780 at Salem he enlisted in the New Levies of New York State troops, sometime about the last of April or the first of May for; nine months in a company commanded by Captain Harrison, Lieutenant Buell—Ensign Broadshaw—Harper was the Colonel of The Regiment but the Regiment was commanded by Major Hughes—joined the company at Fort Edward a few days after enlistment.

There were two companies stationed there. He remained there a few weeks & marched to Fort Ann and there ort, was stationed a few weeks at Fort Ann scouting round and guarding the frontiers.

In September as near as he can recollect he marched with his company and four others to Schenectady thro' Stillwater and Saratoga and joined the Regiment under the command of Major Hughes—remained a few days at Schenectady and then marched up the Mohawk River to Fort Stanwix now Rome—stopping at Fort Herkimer and Fort Schuyler a short time.

Between Fort Herkimer and Fort Schuyler at Germantown, they had a skirmish with some Indians and killed 5 of them. He remained at Fort Stanwix relieving col. VanSchaick's Regiment which went to the Southward—He lay at Fort Stanwix until snow fell, pretty deep—don't recollect the month or times of the month when he was marched back to Schenectady being relieved at Fort Stanwix by Colonel Weisenfelt of the Continental Regiment. In going back to Schenectady they stayed over night at Fort Schuyler and one night at Fort Herkimer and marched along the Mohawk down to Schenectady where he was discharged with the whole company by Maj. Hewes—He had no written discharge. He served his nine months out before he was discharged but can not tell; the exact time he entered the service or was discharged from it.

He has no documentary evidence of his services except the accompanying affidavit of John Eastwood—and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service except the said John Easbroad.

In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the war department to be put to applicant he answers as follows.

1. Was born in the town of Pelham, (County does not know) State of Massachusetts on the 24th day of February 1759.
2. He has a record of his age in his family Bible at his residence in Norwich Chenango County.
3. He lived at Salem Washington County NY each time he entered the service. Since the war he resided at Salem until about thirty eight years ago when he removed from; there to Norwich, Chenango County where he has ever since resided and where he now resides.

4. He was called out by his officers of the militia every time except once, when he enlisted for nine months as stated previously.
5. He knew Col. Warner a Continental Colonel at Fort George & Fort Edward—he knew Colonel Wisenfelt at Fort Stanwix—Also Col. Gansevoort—also Captain Shipman at Fort Edward—and Captain Drake, Captain Vrooman—Captain Vrooman[sic]—Captain Bogert and Captain Harrison who was in the same Regiment with him. This question is answered as fully in the body of his declaration as he can answer it.
6. Never received a written discharge from the service—was always discharged verbally.
7. He gives the names of the Rev. Jedediah Randall, Rev. Jabez S. Swan, Peres Randall, late County Clerk; General Gelman Late Senator in congress; General Mead late sheriff; John Clapp Postmaster; Samuel Pike Justice of the Peace, James Birdsall, Cashier of the Bank of Chenango all of Norwich Chenango Co., N.Y. and Uri Tracy late First Judge and member of Congress & Judge Sherwood of Oxford Chenango County NY as men living In his present neighborhood to whom he is known and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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) John McNutt

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. K. Pike Clk