

Pension Application for Basil Mignault or Megnault

R.20405

State of New Yrk

Clinton County SS.

Basil Mignault, aged seventy three years, being duly sworn doth depose and say that in the month of September 1775 he joined the American Army under Genl. Montgomery at St. Johns S.C.; that he was commissioned by Genl Montgomery a Lieutenant in Captain Arnold[‘s] Company in Col. Livingston’s Regiment.

That he served in the capacity at the taking of , [Chamblee] St. Johns & Montreal, land was at the siege of Quebec.

And deponent further saith that on the day the attack commenced in consequence of intercession of his Captain & the absence of two other captains he was appointed to command three companies by command of Genl Montgomery who at the same time presented him with a sword & gun as a mark of respect for his services.

This deponent under Col. Livingston commenced the attack at the gates of the ‘St. John’s suburbs & deponent with his own hand, set fire to the gates. After the siege was raised deponent retreated with the Army to St. Johns where he received a furlough to return home to visit his father who lay sick & had sent for deponent.

On deponents return home he was taken prisoner by the English & detained & tried for assisting the Americans. He was acquitted in consequence of their not being able to get witnesses who had retreated into the United States.

And deponent further saith that he endeavored to get to the United States & join his company again, but was prevented by spies who were appointed to watch his movements—that after he was tried, he was let out on parol [parole] not to leave the Parish of St. Denis.

Deponent also saith that he received a certificate of the amount of wages due him at the time of his furlough being granted from Col. Livingston & that he has never received anything for his said services excepting ten dollars.

That he gave him commission after peace to one Benway to get pay for his services & [?] & as deponent afterwards ascertained said Benway was drowned & his papers lost.

And further deponent saith not. (Signed with his mark) Basil Mignault

Sworn and subscribed before me this 23rd day of September 1828. C. K. Averill
J. Peace