

Pension Application for Daniel Macpherson

R.6809 (Widow: Amy)

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State of New York

Tompkins County SS.

On this Twentieth day of May 1835 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County now sitting Daniel McPherson a resident of the Town of Danby in the said County of Tompkins & State of New York aged seventy five years in September next, 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 [herein] stated:

He volunteered in the Revolutionary service of the United States as a private under Capt. Stephen Lush in Col. VanSchoicks Regiment of State Troops at Albany in the State of New York where he then resided the early part of September 1775 and was ordered by his said officers to serve under Major Hitchcock who was commissary Albany aforesaid to furnish and transport stores & provisions for the use of Genl Schuyler's Brigade. He commanded his service as such volunteer under the aforesaid officer and was ordered to serve in transporting stores for said Genl Schuyler's Brigade [?] so as early as the 5th of September 1775 and from that time until the first of Oct 1776 he continued actually and actively engaged in such service in the Transportation of Stores & provision from Albany to the Barracks at Fish Creek where Genl Schuyler Troops including the aforesaid Regiment under Col. VanSchaick quartered & on his return back he transported Tallow for the use of the Army.

During the Term aforesaid he was in such service under the immediate command of said Maj. Hitchcock and in company with one Lieut Roe from Stillwater. One Mr. Coburn & several others whose names he cannot now recollect and during the said service & in the winter of '75 & 76. While actually engaged as aforesaid he froze his feet very badly so that he was obliged to wear old cloths about his feet instead of shoes or boots which were kept saturated with oil.

During the aforesaid service & he thinks in the summer of 1776 there were several British officers & Tories headed by Capt. Wattermore from Canada came to Albany & attempted to take Genl Schuyler under the pretence that he Wattermore was in the American service & had an express for Genl Schuyler from West Point but Genl Schuyler escaped from thence & from his own house top discharged his pistols at them & raised an alarm—Wattermore and his Tory comrades fled and this declarant with several others pursued thence some distance up from the river but could not take them.

That a part of the time Col. Robert Livingston's Regiment was there attached to which was a company commanded by Capt Murdock McPherson a relative of this declarant & by whose solicitation he volunteered into the service.

That Immediately or very soon after the 1st of Oct 1776 when he left the aforesaid service he again at the Solicitation of his much aforesaid and as near as he can recollect within ten days he again enlisted into the same Regiment & as he thinks under Capt. Peter Gansevoort & was ordered by his officers to serve as a Baker for the Army:

That from that time he continued in such service constantly employed & generally as a Baker as aforesaid at & near Albany with one Francis McKenzie till September 1778 when Genl James Clinton arrived at Albany with others for all the forces at Albany including Genl Schuyler's Brigade & the aforesaid Regiment to repair down the Hudson River to West Point.

That for some time but the precise length of time he cannot state during the year 1777 by the orders of Col Roseboom he served as a picket guard a little up the River from Albany & was stationed there as such guard on the 4th of Oct 1777 when Burgoyne was taken—Also a small portion of the time from Oct 1776 to Sept 1778 he was stationed by his officers to serve and did serve as a guard to the jail at Albany where a great number of Tories & British were confined as prisoners—

That during the last stated tour of service he was taken a Prisoner by the Tories on the road between Albany & Schenectady but from whom he escaped and returned to service. That soon after the aforesaid forces were ordered by Genl Clinton to repair to West Point as aforesaid the declarant was discharged from the service by his officers his term of service having expired—but according to the best of his recollection he received no militia or printed discharge.

That although the aforesaid terms of service he was under Capt. Peter Gansevoort, Stephen Luch, Deumain Campbell, One Capt. Badir but the particular time or period of time of his service under each of the aforesaid Captains he cannot now recollect & is therefore unable to state the same.

That he well known during the aforesaid service Col. VanSchaick, Livingston, Brown, Vadir, Roseboom, & Genl Schuyler, TenBroeck, Clinton and he saw often Genl Gates & Arnold.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

And I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) Daniel McPherson

Subscribed & sworn in open court before the said Court of Common Pleas this 20th day of May 1835. A. S. Johnson, Clk