

Pension Application for William Mapes

S.13873 Died Dec 6, 1838.

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

On this 14th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, the Court of Chancery held at Onondaga in the County of Chancery held at Onondaga in the County aforesaid, before Daniel Mosely Esquire Vice Chancellor of the Seventh Circuit in & for the State aforesaid, now sitting, William Mapes a resident of the Town of Skaneateles In the County aforesaid, aged seventy seven years on the 8th day of September instant, 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 was born in the Town of Blooming Grove in the County of Orange and State aforesaid in the year 1755.

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

That he volunteered in the militia in the Town of Walkill [Wallkill] in said County of Orange where he then lived for four months, under Captain Samuel Watkins of the same town; Lieutenant Jonathan Owens and Samuel Weatherlow Ensign both of the same place, in June or July in the year 1775 was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel James McClathrie.

The names of the Field officers of the Regiment not recollected by him, joined the Regiment at Fort Clinton. General James Clinton was the commanding officer at that Fort at the time and at Fort Montgomery—Served four months there and was dismissed about the last of October or the first of November in said year.

That in the month of May (thinks about the first) in the year 1776 at Walkill aforesaid he again volunteered as a Sargeant in the Militia for five months, under Captain William Denison of the same Town; Lieutenant James Carnigan of the Town of Montgomery in the same county—

The names of the officers of the company not recollected—Nicholas Thompson was Colonel of the Regiment. A man by the name of Windcoop was major; joined the Regiment at Fort Independence—served five months or more. Most of the time at said Fort Independence. That he was dismissed about the middle of October in said year 1776—

That he again volunteered as a Sargeant in the Militia at Walkill aforesaid in the forepart of May 1777 for five months under Captain David Humphrey—Thinks he belonged to the Town of New Windsor in the same County. William Gillet of Deer Park was the Lieutenant—Ensigns name not recollected—joined the Regiment at Fort Montgomery which was commanded by Colonel William Ellison, thinks he belonged to the Town of Goshen in said County of Orange; recollects no other field officers of the Regiment. General James Clinton was commander of the army or forces there, recollects that Col. Lewis Dubois and Major Samuel Logan were there in service at the same.

That his term expired in the month of October, thinks the first but was not permitted to go home. The fort then threatened by British. That he was in the fort when it was attacked and taken by the British [British] on the 6th day of October. That immediately previous to the taking of said Fort he was out with a party under Major Logan who had charge of a field piece. After fighting some time and repeated discharges of the Field piece at the British on their approach were ordered to retreat to the Fort.

That the company to which he belonged lost about 12 killed and missing. Fled to the mountain in the night after the Fort was taken—was from the morning of the said 6th day of October to the 7th in the afternoon being Tuesday without any thing to eat—went home.

On Saturday of the same week was called out again and marched to Newburgh. Stayed there some days. Was then marched with the whole Regiment to a place called Cakleat in N. Jersey—Stopped there about a week—Then marched to Paramis [Paramus]—On the [sic] he arrived there, the regiment was ordered to Rendezvous at Head Quarters a Half an hour before Sundown—

There was then 200 men of the Regiment picked out & marched in the night to a place called Bargain Point. There 20 of the enemy Picket Guard were taken prisoners—remained there till morning & then was march[ed] back to Head Quarters. Gen. George Clinton, Genl Parsons and a Genl Heth or Heath were with the party. Remained at Head Quarters two days—was then marched to Ramapo about 12 miles distance—stationed there about a month—

From there in the night time with 100 men were to Paramas—went in Sleighs—at the last place were ordered to leave their packs and march to Hackensack under the command of Major Moses Phillips—Then surrounded the village but the enemy had left the place about a half an hour before was he was informed.

Went back the next day to Paramus and there met the remainder of the Regiment from Ramapo. Stationed at Paramus as Head Quarters until about the middle of March. When he was dismissed and went home to Walkill in the year 1778.

That Captain Denison went home the fore part of the winter and captain William Faulkner took command of the company in his place.

That the second day after he arrived home the company was called together for the purpose of taking steps to secure the person and seize the property of a Tory by the name of Daniel Skinner living in the said Town of Walkill. That he the said Wm Mapes with three other persons volunteered for that purpose. That they went & took the said Skinner and his personal property. That the said property was at Vendue.

That about the first of May in said year 1778 he volunteered as a Sargeant in a Company of Militia under the command of Captain Abram Cudderback of Deerpark for the term of four months—Timothy Coleman of the same place was Lieutenant—served on Scouting parties against the Indians & Cow-boys during the whole term at various places between the Hudson River and Delaware Rivers—

Drawed provisions from a DeWitts Fort, also at Nippanock and at Baskerskiln—was discharged in October—thinks he served near five months before was discharged.

That in 1779 the last of April or first of May he again volunteered for 5 months as a Sargeant in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Leonard Nicholas—Thinks he lived in Newburgh—David Crawford was Lieutenant, --was stationed most part of that campaign at a place then called Hunk-House thinks it was in the County of Ulster—was engaged on Scouting Parties a great proportion of the time—was discharged the last of September in said year 1779 & went home to Walkill.

That in the month of June in year 1780 he again at the Town of Walkill aforesaid volunteered as a Seargent in a Company of Militia under Captain William Cudderback & Lieutenant Timothy Coleman above named for the Term of Four Months—rendezvoused occasionally at Bashaskiln, Neversink and the Hunk-House aforesaid—was engaged the most part of the time on scouting parties – was dismissed in October of said year 1780 and went home to Walkill—had no written discharge for either term of service above stated.

That after the Revolutionary War he lived at Walkill until the year 1809 (except six years while he was at Lumberband on the Delaware River)—When he moved to Marcellus in the County of Onondaga aforesaid where he has resided the most part of the time line—

That the present own of Skaneateles where he now resides was set off from the Town of Marcellus in 1830.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service further and other than is proved by the affidavits hereunto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares this name is not on the pension roll of the agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) William Mapes

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Daniel Moseley, Circuit Judge & Vice Chancellor.

Letter in folder dated April 13, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

The record of William Mapes is furnished you as found in the papers on file in pension claim S.13873, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War, to be used in place of the one dated March 8, 1940.

William Mapes was born September 8, 1755 in Blooming Grove, Orange County, New York; the names of his parents were not designated. At the time of the Revolutionary War, he resided in Wallkill, Orange County, New York.

William Mapes enlisted in June or July 1775 and served four months as corporal in Captain Samuel Watkins' company, Colonel James McClaughrey's New York Regiment, engaged principally at Fort Montgomery. He enlisted about May 1, 1776 and served five months as sergeant in Captain William Denison's company, Colonel Nicholas Thompson's New York regiment. He enlisted in May 1777, served as sergeant in Captain Humphrey's (possibly meant for Umphrey's) company, Colonel Allison's New York regiment, was at Fort Montgomery when it was taken and remained in the woods for two days without any food, went home but was called out that same

week, served in Captain William Faulkner's New York company, marched to Paramus and to Hackensack, New Jersey, and was discharged after service of ten months. He enlisted in May 1778 and served about five months as sergeant in Captain William Cuddeback's New York Company, engaged against the Indians. He enlisted in May 1779 and served five months as sergeant in Captain Leonard Nicholls' New York Company. He enlisted in June 1780, served as sergeant in Captain William Cuddeback's New York Company, after which he returned to Wallkill, New York.

William Mapes continued to reside in Wallkill, New York, until 1809 (except six years while he was at Lumberland on the Delaware River), moved to Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, and continued to reside there. In 1830, a part of Marcellus was incorporated as Skaneateles, Onondaga, New York.

William Mapes was allowed pension on account of his service in the Revolutionary War on his application executed September 14, 1832. He resided then in Skaneateles, New York. He died December 6, 1838 in Onondaga County, New York.

In 1833, George E. Mapes, of Jersey, Steuben County, New York, stated that he had been acquainted with William Mapes since childhood and that he resided in Wallkill, New York when he (William) served in the Revolutionary War, but he did not state any relationship to William Mapes.