

### **Pension Application for John McAlpine**

R.6584

In the Matter of the Application of John McAlpin for a pension under the act of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

County of Albany SS

The above named John McAlpin being duly sworn and examined, doth depose and say, that he is the same person who made application for a pension under said act in the fall of the year 1832 or thereabouts.

That he then resided in the town of Schodack N.Y. That his said application was then not admitted for the reason alleged that his name was not found on the rolls at Washington—But this deponent, believing himself to be justly entitled to a pension, he beg leave to recapitulate his service under the impression that some particulars which may throw light on his claim, were not set forth in his original papers.

That he this deponent enlisted sometime in the month of February or beginning of March in the Company of Captain Wilson in the Regiment of Col. Graham, at the town of Northeast in the County of Dutchess N.Y., thence marched to Fishkill, thence to Continental Village & from thence to Peekskill, where his Regiment joined several others there stationed at this place last named he continued on duty until the day of his discharge, having served for the term of nine months.

In the month of February 1781, he believes on the first day of that month he enlisted in the town of Cornwall, Litchfield County in the State of Connecticut for the like term of nine months in the Regiment of Colonel Swift no company being then specified, at said tours of Cornwall, one Silas Hart, & Solomon Johnson enlisted at the same time with this Deponent in said Regiment of Colonel Swift, and marched to Continental Village aforesaid, where it was arranged, that they should join said Regiment then & there stationed—but when they arrived there, the Regiment had left a few days provisions.

Some Continental officers stationed there, were commissioned to inform this Deponent & said Hart & Johnson that they should march to West Point—these orders this Deponent & said Hart and Johnson accordingly obeyed. When there the officers placed in command over this deponent were Captain Thompson (he believes John Thompson) Lieut William Bars (perhaps Perse), General George Clinton had command of the garrison. He this Deponent also remembers the name of his Ensign which was John Chichester. He served in this engagement for the term of his enlistment viz, nine months—was discharged at WestPoint aforesaid, he thinks his discharge was signed by Genl Clinton and has lost his discharge, not thinking any care of it & not believing it would ever be of any use to him.

In the month of August 1778, he this deponent was drafted to serve for the term of three months in the company of John Seaton in the Regiment of, or under command of Colonel Graham aforesaid & served out his said term of three months at Fishkill, Peekskill & other places along the lines.

The names of his other officer was Thos Frost Ensign.

He served for part of this term as a substitute for Wandell Pulver, and James Lindsay & James Wincell, and no part of the said term on his own account. (Signed) John McAlpine.

Worn before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1839, R. Johnstown Judge Albany County Courts. Comm Pleas Clk

Letter in folder dated February 7, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R.6584, it appears that John McAlpine applied for pension under the Act of June 7, 1832, and alleged that he enlisted at Northeast, Dutchess County, New York in February or March (year not given), and served nine months in Captain Wilson's Company, Colonel Graham's New York Regiment, and enlisted in August 1778 and served three months in Captain John Seaton's Company, Colonel Graham's New York Regiment, and enlisted in Cornwell, Litchfield County, Connecticut in 1781 and served nine months in Captain Thompson's Company.

The claim was not allowed as there was not proof of six months service, as required by the pension laws.

His age is not stated, nor are there any data as to family.