

Pension Application of Peter McArthur

W.23934 (Widow: Christian or Christiana)
State of New York
Montgomery County SS.

On this twenty first day of September 1832, personally appeared in Open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Montgomery, now sitting Peter McArthur a resident of the town of Mayfield in the County and State aforesaid aged 82 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 1776 sometime in the month of June he was drafted in the Militia, the company officers he does not recollect, but knows that the company belonged to Col. Hays (1) Regiment, that he went from Haverstraw Orange County, State of New York, to Peek Kill to which place the British had come with their vessels, up the Hudson river and burnt that place that he does not recollect how long he served in the militia, but says that he was out in the militia at different times and places which he cannot now state and served about one month in all in the militia.

In the same year 1776, he this applicant says he enlisted in the New York State Troops, for the term of six months, on the first day of July of that year, at Haverstraw, aforesaid, and went from there to Tappan Bay and then from there back again to Haverstraw and then back again to Tappan Bay a second time and from there this applicant says, he marched to a place where was erected Fort Independence, that he served under Captain Derunda, Lieutenant Coe, the Ensigns name he does not recollect, belonging to Col. Nichols (2), Regiment, that he served the full time of six months, and has no recollection of the places he went to while out, and was discharged on the first day of January and has no written discharge. He has no documentary evidence of his services.

He was born in Broadalbin Pearth Shire, Scotland in the year 1750, and has no record of his age. That he resided at Haverstraw aforesaid when called into service and has resided at his present place of residence since the Revolution.

He knows of none of the names of the regular officers.

He is acquainted with the following persons residing in the neighborhood where he lives and who can testify as to his character, for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit, Simon Hosack & Judge Haring.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except th epresnt and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

(Signed with his mark) Peter McArthur (3)

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson, clerk

Christiana, Peter McArthur's widow in her deposition said she was married to him on the 17th of May 1792, that he died on the 5th day of February 1841.

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1. Ann Hawkes Hays was the Colonel of the Third Regiment of Orange County Militia.
2. Colonel Isaac Nicoll was in command of New York State Levies raised from the different orange County Militia Regiments in 1776. There are no company muster rolls known for this regiment. Captain Jacob Deranda or Deronda, etc., was part of the regiment. The company was stationed at Peekskill and then to Fort Independence.
3. Chrisitan[a] McArthur, Peter's Widow applied for a widow's penion on January 17, 1843 at the age of 74. She was living in the Town of Mayfield. She states that Peter died on February 5, 1841. Pastor Hugh Mair of the Johnstown Presbyterian Church verifies the marriage of Peter to Christian McLaren took place on May 17th 1792. Christian McArthur died on April 11, 1853 at age 83 years. Both are buried in Section 3 of the Johnstown Colonial Cemetery. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 75, folder 132, National Archives, Washington, D.C.