

Pension Application Thomas McCollum

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State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this 24th day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before Gilbert Ogden Fowler one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Orange aforesaid said court being a court of record, Thomas McCollum resident of the Town of Newburgh in the County aforesaid aged seventy nine 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 7th 1832.

Tahat he entered the service of the United States under the officers hereinafter named and served as herein after stated namely the deponent sometime about the fifth of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven entered a company of militia commanded by Captain Jacob Rose or the Town of New Hurley in the County of Ulster to serve as Corporal for six months Jonathan Hardenbergh was first Lieutenant and Isaac Hardenburgh his brother the ensign of said company deponent continued to serve under the said officers in said company as herein after related deponent commenced his service in said Company in the Town of Platekill aforesaid and continued to serve in the same until about one week before the battle of Fort Montgomery which was fought on the sixth day of October in the year last aforesaid at which time deponent was taken sick and hired his brother to serve out the remainder of his term as a substitute for deponent which filled shortly after deponent joined said company it was ordered to Fort Montgomery in the Highlands on the West side of the Hudwson River said Company on their way down from Plattekill marched through Newburgh and rendezvoused at Colonel Jonathan Hasbroucks afterwards— Washington's head quarters at which place they were joined by two other companies of militia which proceeded to Fort Montgomery by the way of Wet Point to which place they were transported by water from Wet Point we marched to Fort Montgomery where I remained untill shortly before the battle of Fort Montgomery (about one week before according to Deponents recollection & belief) when deponent was taken sick with dysentarry [dysentery] and directed to have the fort being unfit for duty and a battle being soon expected.

Deponent left the fort accordingly and his brother John McCollum took his place as his substitute served for Deponent at said battle and continued to serve in said Company for deponent untill said company was discharged which took place six months and an half after deponent first entered the service as aforesaid and deponent the same as aforesaid and deponent also saith that said John McCollum died shortly after the revolutionary was.

Stationed at Fort Clinton on the opposite side of said frontiers with Captain John Bellknaps Company Captain Stewarts Company & Captain Moodys Company of Artillery were at Fort Montgomery and Captain Tellfords Company & Captain Humphreys Company and Captain Roses Company aforesaid of Militia were also at the

said forts Montgomery and Clinton and deponent also saith that Samuel Johnson whose affidavit is hereunto annexed was a private in the Company of Captain Rose aforesaid during all the time deponent served therein and untill said company was regularly discharged which took place sometime in the month of December in the year aforesaid at NewBurgh and deponent also saith that he has no other evidence of his said service than the affidavit of the said Samuel Johnson hereunto annexed—

And deponent also saith that after the death of Captain Rose who was taken prisoner at the battle of fort Montgomery and died in prison soon after of the wounds he then and there received.

Jonathan Hardenburgh Junior became the Captain of said Company and said Company was divided into detachments which took their regular tours of duty. That in the beginning of the winter 1776 deponent was ordered with the detachment to which he belonged to Ramapo then county of Orange now Rockland County near Judge Suffrinus? We remained there according to Deponents recollection and belief from the first snow until planting time about six months Captain Terpenney commanded the company to which I belonged Michael Michael Pellingier was first Lieutenant & Thomas Kane second Lieutenant of said Company Daniel McDowell and Evert Hedger were privates and now live in the Northern part of this State as Deponent has been informed and believes to be true but in what county deponent does not know deponent cannot now recollect the names of the general officers who were at Ramapo at that time nor does he recollect what regular troops were there.

There were other troops there at the time but deponent does not know whether they were regulars of militia nor does he now recollect who commanded them and deponent also saith that he is well acquainted with Jonathan Noys a pensioner of the United States and Aron Noys has [son?] of the Town of NewBurgh who are well acquainted with the character of deponent for truth and veracity.

And in answer to the Interrogatories specially put to deponent by the said Court in pursuance of the instructions of the Secretary of War he on his oath said that he was born in Ulster County in the Town of Plattekill and allways [always] lived there untill about twenty years ago when he removed to the Town of Montgomery and from thence to NewBurgh where he now lives. Deponent was born in the month of January int he year one thousand seven hundred and fifty three. That he has no record of his age. That he lived in the town of Plattekill aforesaid when called into service. That he lived there untill he moved to Montgomery as aforesaid where he has lived ever since. That he volunteered and received a bonus of ten dollars. That he has already stated the names of all the regular officers and all the regular and Militia Regiments who served at the [?]

That he did not receive a written discharge that he is known to Aron Nogs and [blank] of the Town of Newburgh aforesaid who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and deponent also saith that by reason of his age and great bodily debility he will not be able to attend the present Court of Common Pleas to be held at Goshen in and for the County aforesaid.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Gilbert Ogden Fowler one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Orange County.