

Pension Application for William McConnell

S.40134

B.L.Wt.7506-100

To the Honorable John C. Calhoun Secretary of the Department of War.

Whereas William McConnell of Redbank Township in the County of Armstrong & State of Pennsylvania an Invalid soldier of the Revolutionary War , personally appeared before me and made oath as follows.

That on the 14th of November 1775 he was enlisted In the County of Lancaster in said State to service in the Regiment Commanded by the Honourable Colonel Anthony Wayne to service for one year, marched under his command to Saratoga & was left there on account of bad health.

That on the 12th December 1776 he again enlisted at Saratoga to serve during the war & entered into the first Regiment, New York commanded by the Honorable Goosay Van Squick & served in the Company commanded by Captain Charles Parson, & remained under his command for 6 years & six months when he was honourably discharged at New Windsor on the North River.

That he was in the following Battles, at Saratoga, at Monmouth, was wounded, and at the taking of Cornwallis at York Town in Virginia, Still under Captain Charles Parson & from him received his discharge which is now lost & that he is no about 63 years of age in necessitous circumstances & is need of assistance from his adopted country. (Signed) William McConnell

Sworn before me this 30th day of September 1818 Robert Orr, one of the Associate Judges for the County of Armstrong in the State of Pennsylvania Do hereby certify—

That I am acquainted with the above deponent William McConnell that he is of good character, that he is in very necessitous circumstance and that I believe that which is set forth in the above deposition to be finally true. Given under my Hand & Seal September the 30th 1818. L Robert Orr

Letter in folder dated October 21, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.40134, it appears that William McConnell enlisted in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, November 14, 1775, and served one year as a private in Captain James Taylor's Company, Colonel Anthony Wayne's Pennsylvania Regiment.

He re-enlisted at Saratoga, New York, December 12, 1776, and served six years and six months, date of discharge not given, in Captain Charles Parsons' Company, Colonel Goose Van Schaick's New York Regiment. He was in the battles of Saratoga, Monmouth, where wounded, and at the taking of Cornwallis.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 30, 1818, at which time he was aged sixty-three years and resided in Redbank Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

In 1820, he referred to his wife, Martha, as being eighty-three years of age.

The dates of his birth and death are not given and there are no further data as to his family.

And above noted is the only soldier named William McConnell, under any spelling of that name, found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.

Bounty Land:

Name: McConnell, William

Grade: Sergeant

Line: Pennsylvania

Warrant Number 9989

Acreage 100

Issued June 23, 1789 to—not shown--