

Pension Application for Daniel McCoy

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State of New York

County of Erie SS

On this ninth day of March In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Erie aforesaid. Daniel McCoy now a resident of the City of Buffalo in the County of Erie and State of New York aged about seventy five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following decision in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted into the army of the United States in the year 177[6?] as he thinks that he was enlisted by a Sergeant by the name of Little and was attached to or because a Soldier in the Second Company of the Second Regiment of Artillery of the line (New York Artillery)

That John Lamb was colonel of the said Regiment from the time of his enlistment until the close of the war, that he thinks the major of said regiment was a Dutchman but his name he does not recollect. That Andrew Moody was the captain of said Second Company during the time of this deponents Service. That John Brewster was the Lieutenant or as he was called the Captain Lieutenant of said Company. That the name of the Ensign he does not recollect. That the Orderly Sergeant of said Company was Abial Patty. That men by the names of Ruff, Cutler, and Medlar were first second and third Corporal's of said company, that a man by the name of Little was duty sergeant. That a man by the name of Dean was gunner and another by the name of Sharo was bombardier in said company.

That he enlisted at Kinderhook in Dutchess County and State of New York, that such enlistments was for three years or during the war.

That soon after his enlistment he went on board a Sloop and joined the Garrison at West Point, this he thinks was about harvest time. That early in the fall the said Second Company joined Colonel Lamb's Regiment at Morristown in the State of New Jersey. That they drilled three times each day at Morristown and late in the fall went into winter quarters at Burlington in New Jersey.

That from his extreme age and imperfection of memory he is unable to give a chronological Statement of service, but that he distinctly recollects that sometime in September 1777 he was in the battle of Stillwater where Burgoyne was taken by General Gates. That he recollects also that the second company of the said Second Regiment was attached either to Colonel Willett's Regiment of infantry or to Colonel Gansevoort and went on an expedition to Cherryvally in Otsego County where he was in the engagement with the Indians & Tories under Capt. Butler whom they drove to Johnstown and finally defeated.

That in the winter of 1777 & 8 he thinks it was he wintered with the whole of Col. Lamb's Regiment at Valley Forge where he suffered great distress in common with the other soldiers for want of food & clothing.

That he was engaged in the Battle of Monmouth in New Jersey where the English under Clinton was defeated. That he was also in the Battle of York-town during the whole of that engagement which he thinks was some time in October 1781, where General Washington commanded.

That he soon after said Battle of Yorktown –Returned to West Point. He also Recollects and States further that sometime in the forepart of the year 1779 his company with others went on the Expedition from Painted Post to Big tree under General Sullivan against the Indians. And Tories. On which expedition he suffered great hardship & fatigue. That after his return from Yorktown as above stated, he wintered at West Point and was discharged there some time in June 1782 as near as his recollection served him that he was among the last of the Soldiers who were discharged.

That he received a written discharge from Captain Andrew Moody aforesaid but which he has since lost while in residing near the Hudson River. That he served faithfully as a private in the said company from the time of his enlistment as aforesaid until the close of the war, which was at least five years and from the best of his recollection nearly six.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) Daniel McCoy

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Horace Clark, Clerk, Erie Co.