

Pension Application for William McCoy

S.23316

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On the twenty third day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. Personally appeared in open court before Joseph L. Richardson first Judge of the Court of common Pleas of Cayuga County and the other associate Judges of said Court now in Session, William McCoy of the town of Sterling in the County of Cayuga and State of New York aged seventy years in the month of June last now past, 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 seventh one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer and served as herein stated.

That he was Bourn [born] on the Atlantic Ocean on or near the Banks of Newfound-land in the Month of June in the year seventeen hundred and Sixty two as he hath been informed by his Parents.

That in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven he volunteered and joined Captain John Armstrong's Company of Militia Belonging to the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Williams and marched to the Hudson river against the British army commanded by General Burgoyne. That on account of his youth his officers did not order him into the Battle of Saratoga when the British Army was taken.

That In the month of June seventeen hundred and seventy eight this Declarer again volunteered in the company and Regiment aforesaid and marched to Skeensborough on the Southern Extremity of Lake Champlain and remained there in actual service under said Captain John Armstrong and Colonel William's Regiment for more than five months and when Skeensborough was taken by the enemy that the American troops stationed there retreated and he was permitted to return home on furlough.

That shortly afterwards he was again ordered to March to Fort George and joined the said company and regiment at White Creek and marched to Fort George Staid there about two weeks during which time Governor George Clinton had the command of the American troops on an expedition against the British who then had possession of Tyconderoga and then this declarer after the Enemy took Fort George when to Fort Edward under the command of Ensign Alexander W. Nish in order to reinforce that fort and there joined Col Van Vorts Regiment. Staid there two days, was then ordered to Fort George to bury the dead that fell at the taking of that place. That the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Alexander Webster, that after having performed that duty the troops under Colonel Webster marched back to Fort Edward there to Salem at that time called Whtie Creek and there joined Captain Armstrong's Company remained there a few days, then marched under Colonel Webster to

Granville—and remained there until the commencement of Winter until the snow fell I then returned to Whitecreek and remained there until the next spring and that from the month of June seventeen hundred and seventy eight until the cessation of Arms previous to the signing and ratification of the definitive treaty between—Great Britton and the United States.

This declarer stood a volunteer and held himself in readiness to march at a minutes warning and was in actual service the most of his time. That these frontier Settlements ware [were] in almost constant alarm from the annoyance of the British Tories and Indians.

That their Scouting and foraging Parties were almost constantly committing depredations on the inhabitants to which caused him to remain in actual service for the greatest part of five years, that he cannot recollect the whole length of time he served at any one time after Skeensborough was taken by the enemy, nor can he recollect dates, neither can he recollect the whole time he serve d during the five years he was a volunteer.

That his monthly pay was eight dollars and that he only received thirteen pounds for all his services although his officers admitted that a much larger amount was due and owing him and this declarer further saith that at the time he first joined the company and regiment aforesaid that he resided in the town of Whitecreek in the then County of Charlott[e] now town of Salem in the County of Washington. Since which he resided in the Argyle in said County for thirty six or thirty seven years, and that he now resides in the Town of Stirling In said County for thirty six or thirty seven years and that he now resides in the Town of Stirling In the County of Cayuga and that he has not any record of his age, nor has he any Documentary evidence of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and hereby declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) William McCoy

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Michael S. Myers Clerk of the Court of Common pleas of the County of Cayuga.

Letter in folder Dated November 21, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in the above noted pension claim, based upon the Revolutionary War service of William McCoy.

He was born in June, 1762 on the Atlantic Ocean near the banks of Newfoundland. The names of his parents are not given.

William McCoy, while residing at White Creek, which was later Salem, Washington County, New York, enlisted in June, 1778 and served at various times as a private in Captain John Armstrong's company, under Colonels John Williams, Alexander Webster and VanVort (Wart, Woert), with the New York troops, he was out in frequent scouting parties against the British and Indians, continued in the service until in November, 1782, length of service about three years.

After the Revolution he lived in Salem and Argyle, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 23, 1833, then a resident of sterling, Cayuga County, New York where he had lived since September, 1832.

There are no data in this claim relative to his family.