

Pension Application for William McCracken or McCracken

W.9192 (Widow: Mary) William McCracken and Mary wed about the 15th May 1812.
William died July 6, 1830.

B.L.Wt.13884-160-53

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

On the Twenty Seventh day of May 1820, personally appeared in open court in the court of common pleas in and for the county of Onondaga, being a court of record proceeding according to the course of the common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of their proceedings, William McCracken aged fifty seven years, resident in Onondaga in said county, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:--

That he enlisted in Captain Joseph McCracken's Company in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment in the New York line in the revolutionary army and served three years and three months. That he is a pensioner of the United States under the act of the 18th March 1818 and holds a pension certificate Numbered 2582 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

Six tea cups & saucers, six knives & forks one dozen earthen plates, one tea pot, one sugar bowl, one cream cup, six spoons, and one cow, six pigs. I have a wife aged forty six years, one son aged 16 years one son aged fourteen years, one son aged seven years, on daughter aged ten years one daughter of my Wife's aged ten years one daughter aged eight years and all depending on me for support. I am indebted to sundry persons one hundred dollars I have owing to me fifteen dollars. (Signed) William McCracken. \$24.87

Sworn in open court this 27th day of May 1820 before me Joshua Foreman,
First Judge of the said Court.

Letter in folder dated November 30, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.9192, it appears that William McCracken was born in June, 1763, place not stated.

He enlisted in the spring of 1776 as a private in the company commanded by his father, Captain Joseph McCracken, in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's 1st New York Regiment which was at Fort George at that time.

He served about one year as waiter to his father, then as fifer to the company and after that he carried a musket as a soldier until after the battle of Monmouth in which his father lost his arm and he (William) was injured by “the wind of a cannon ball” and was discharged from further service at the request of his father.

William McCracken married at Onondaga, New York, May 15, 1812, Mary Thompson, widow of Christopher Thompson.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 8, 1818, while a resident of Onondaga, New York.

He died at Camillus, New York, July 9, 1820.

His widow, Mary, was allowed pension on her application executed March 23, 1853, while a resident of Camillus, New York, aged seventy-seven years.

In 1820, William McCracken referred to his sons aged sixteen, fourteen and seven years and his daughters aged ten and eight years, but did not give their names nor that of his first wife.