

Pension Application for James McDowel

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State of New York

Ontario County SS

On this first day of October 1832 personally appeared before David Moniel Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, James McDowell a resident of the Town of Phelps in the County and State aforesaid aged eighty seven 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Viz:

That in the year 1775 at New Windsor in Sullivan (now Orange) County, New York, he was ordered out in the militia in Captain Belknap's Company and was in service about Three months.

That in the winter of 1776 he was a Sergeant and was ordered out at said town of New Windsor, in Captain James Hunphreys Company in Colonel James McClougherty's Regiment, went to Paramus and was stationed there and in that neighbourhood as a guard to protect the country from the encroachments of the British; he was in the service as Sergeant, Three months and was discharged at Hoppers or Hoppertown by General Clinton who commanded:

That in 1777 he was again ordered into service as a Sergeant in the same company and regiment, was in service three months and was stationed at and employed during that time working on Fort Montgomery, was in the Fort at the time the British under Colonel Campbell took it by storm which was on the 6th day of October 1777, Captain Humphrey and Colonel McClougherty were both made prisoners, he made his escape and was then under the command of Lieutenant James Carnaham, and continued in the service at different places on the North River for Three months longer, and making six months service rendered in that year as Orderly Sergeant.

That in 1778 in the summer he was ordered out under Captain William Faulkner and Lieutenant Colonel Newkirk, was at West Point and was in service about three months as Sergeant.

That in the summer of 1779 he was again ordered out into the service and was a sergeant under said Captain Faulkner and said Lieut Col. Newkirk, went over the mountains, to what was at that time called the "Frontiers", to guard and protect the Country from the depredations of the Indians and was three months in service.

That he continued to perform the duties of Orderly Sergeant and was more or less out on duty every year during the war from two to three months at least.

That from his extreme old age and infirmity, his memory is much impaired, so as to render it impossible to give that detailed and circumstantial account that he could have done some years ago, and in addition, he is very deaf which makes it difficult for him to understand.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services except that of Oliver Humphrey whose affidavit accompanies this declaration. That he resided during the war at New Windsor in Orange (then Sullivan) County in New York until the month of May 1803 when he removed to the town of Phillips Ontario County, New York.

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 any agency of any state or Territory whatever. (Signed) James McDowel

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me, David McNeil, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Ontario County.