

**Pension Application for William McFarland or McFarling**

R6706

State of New York

Wayne County SS

Declaration.

On this six day of July 1833 personally appeared before me David Eddy a Judge in and for said County of Wayne, William McFarland, aged 89 years, a Resident of the Town of Arcadia and County aforesaid 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he Entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein Stated. That he enlisted in the Year 1775, the last of April or first of May under the Command of Captain John Graham, (1) Lieutenant Nicholas Vanranselaer (2) of which company this claimant was Orderly Sergeant (3) the enlistment was for Six months he was marched from Stillwater the place of his Residence to the head of Lake George They embarked in Boats passed into Lake Champlain at Ticonderoga from thence to Isle Aux Noix, at this place he was placed under the Command of Major Peter Gansevort, (4) this was the 2d Regiment of Yorkers from thence he was carried in boats to St. Johns in Lower Canada and commenced the Siege (5) of that place where he was placed under the command of Col. Eastman (6) of Massachusetts—the little fort at this place was soon taken with a Regiment of British Soldiers, this claimant was then marched across the country to La Prairie on the River St. Lawrence opposite Montreal when he crossed the River under the Command of General Montgomery (7) who had Joined the army at St. Jons [John's], Montreal (8) was taken in three days without firing a gun, he went from thence to Quibeck [Quebec] by land, Encamped on Abrams plains before the City Sometime last of December the next night after this Claimant arrived at Quebeck he was called out to storm the place. (9) Was near General – Montgomery when he fell we were defeated and we turned back to our Camp. Staid there until the fifth day of May then was ordered up the River for the United States in boats almost without provision, went up the Chamblee River into Lake Champlain and Returned to Stillwater by the Same Rout & that we went and arrived in Stillwater some time the last of June or first of July and in this campaign he had no other business but to do his duty in the army. He was discharged at Stillwater Received a written discharge signed by Captain John Graham which discharge was burned in his home which was accidentally consumed by fire.

In 1777, he went some time in the month of March to Lake Champlain with some others to build Boats about the first of July Burguoin [Burgoyne] (10) came up the Lake and drove us away, turned on to Stillwater. Joined a Company Commanded by Captain Enos Park. (11) Marched to Bennington (12) was in that Battle which took the greater part of the day, [rest of line not legible] he served Col. Seth Warner's Regiment (13) at Bennington and fought under his command. This claimant was marched to Stillwater, served the main Army under the Command of General Gates, (14) the Company of Capt. Parke and of course this applicant was at this place put under the command of Col. Morgan (15) was as the taking of Burgoine, he was discharged some time the first of November had no written discharge. Served this campaign as a private—which term of Service occurring from the time that Burguoin drove him from his business on Lake Champlain & the first of July, from that time until the first November he was in Actual service, which was four months and that in July first, or thereabouts, 1780 he enlisted in the town of Adams State of Massachusetts in a company commanded by Captain William White (16) in a Regiment Commanded by Col. Brown as a private for three months marched [?] in Albany County now Collumbia, from thence to Stone Rabby to Guard the frontiers against the Indians, near this place a Bloody Battle was fought in which this claimant

toke a part. The Col. of the Regiment was killed to wit Col. Brown. The whole party were killed, taken, or dispersed. This (if this applicant is not mistaken) happened on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1780. (17) And the last day of his term of service. He was then discharged had a written discharge signed by Capt. White. Burned up as above stated. He was Born in the Town of Leicester County of Worcester, State of Massachusetts in the year 1744 from thence he removed to Nine Partners New York from thence to Stillwater thence to Adams Massachusetts from thence to Westfield Washington County New York from thence to Crown Point on Lake Champlain from thence to Homer Cortland County New York from thence to Lodus Wayne County same State in which County he still Resides.

And that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Services and 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.

Answers to the Queries.

1<sup>st</sup> In Liciester County Worcester Massachusetts.

2<sup>d</sup> No Record of his Age

3<sup>d</sup> Stillwater New York all stated in the body of the declaration

4 Enlisted

5<sup>th</sup> General Mongtomery, Col. Eastman, Major Gansevoort first Campaign Col. Warner, Gen. Stark, (18) Gen Gates, 2d Campaign, & Col Brown 3d Campaign.

6<sup>th</sup> Answered in the body of the declaration

7<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Boyington, Stephen Vaughn, Isaac Durfee, Cullen H. Foster.

(Signed with his mark) William McFarland

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Daniel Eddy

End Notes—R.6706—William McFarland.

1. John Graham, Captain of the Ninth Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Second New York Continental Regiment.
2. Gideon King was the first lieutenant and Nicholas VanRensselaer was the Second Lieutenant in Graham's Company.
3. William McFarling is listed as private and as enlisting on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1775 according to Captain Graham's Muster Roll at "Camp at Isle aux Noix Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1775". FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 67, Folder 19, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. Peter Gansvoort, was appointed major in place of Lucas VanVeghten or VanVechten, who had declined the appointment. The date of Appointment is June 20, 1775. Gansevoort was also the brother-in-law of Colonel VanSchaick.
5. The Siege of St. John started on September 18, 1775 and ended on November 3, 1775.
6. Colonel Eastman was possibly of the Massachusetts Militia.
7. Major General Richard Montgomery of the Continental Army.
8. Montreal surrendered on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1775.
9. Major General Montgomery and Colonel Benedict Arnold attempted to storm the City of Quebec at two different points on December 31, 1775. Montgomery was killed and Arnold was wounded. The American forces continued the siege at Quebec.
10. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne with a 7,000 plus Army made up of British Regulars, German Mercenaries, Loyalists, Canadians and Indians.
11. Captain Enos Park appears to be a militia officer.
12. The Battle of Bennington was fought on August 16, 1777.

13. Seth Warner was appointed Colonel on July 5, 1776 of one of Sixteen Additional Continental Regiments.
14. Major General Horatio Gates Commanded the American Army that eventually fought two battles with Burgoyne's Army and eventually Burgoyne surrendered to Gates on October 17, 1777.
15. Colonel Daniel Morgan of the Eleventh Virginia Continental Regiment.
16. William McFarling enlisted as a private on July 13, 1780 in Captain William White's Company in Colonel John Brown's Regiment of Massachusetts State Levies. William was discharged on October 22, 1780 having performed 3 months and 15 days service.
17. The Battle of Stone Arabia was fought in the morning of October 19, 1780. Colonel Brown was killed on his 36<sup>th</sup> birthday.
18. Brigadier General John Stark of the New Hampshire Militia commanded the American forces at the Battle of Bennington. Stark was appointed Brigadier General of the Continental Army on October 3, 1777.