

Pension Application for Jacob McGinnis

R.6721

State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On the twenty fifth day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson, now sitting Jacob McGinnis a Resident of the Town of Claverack in the County of Columbia and State aforesaid—aged sixty six—years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the town of Claverack in the County of Columbia aforesaid in the month of November 25th day in the year 1765. This said applicant knows from his having it recorded in his Family Bible now in his possession.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the winter of 1777 and 1778, said applicant volunteered as a teamster to go and carry the stores and ammunition from the old Hudson Dock in said County of Columbia to Fishkill and some to West Point, and carrying flour to Albany in the Service of the United States, this time in the winter was about one month, the stores and ammunition at this place was under the command of a Major Hale United States Officer.

That in the Spring of 1778 he enlisted into and [sic] organized Night Watch in the town of Claverack for the purpose aforesaid of watching & hunting the Robbers and Tories under the command of Lieutenant Peter Wisemore, who was Lieutenant under Capt. Jacobus Phillip and Capt at this place for the purpose of Commanding said night watch, this service commenced in or about the middle of May and said applicant continued in such service from the middle of May until about the 25th of September following.

Then said applicant went as a substitute for Christian Philips who was drafted as a militia man and marched under the command of Capt. Jacobus Philips to Greenbush & stayed there 3 or 4 days then went on through Albany to Schenectady & from thence, a number were detached from the Army that lay at that place of which said applicant was one, and marched under the same Capt. Philips and Major Richard Esselstyne, as the commanding officer and went to Warrens-Bush at which place the Indians were Burning & Destroying the Inhabitants & property, absent from home on this tour one month then came home and stayed at home until the Spring of 1779 when he again was called upon and ordered out, and marched in pursuit of the Robbers and Tories again out about two months on this tour. Said applicant says that he never was in any engagement Col. Waterman from New Canaan was one who commanded at Schenectady, also Col. Abraham VanAlstyne, Militia Colonel.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after thei investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War department. That the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states.

And the Court further certify that it appears to them that John J. Miller who has signed the preceding Certificate is the first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Columbia, and that Richard Sheyter, who has also signed the last preceding certificate is a clergyman both well known to the court to be Resident Inhabitants of the town of Claverack and that their statements are entitled to full credit. Also Michael Hess who signed the first certificate is a Resident of the said town of Claverack and a credible person and that his statement is entitled to credit. J.M. Cagg, Wm R Macy, Justices of s'd Court.

I Hiram Wilber Clerk of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson in the County of Columbia & State aforesaid. Do hereby certify that the foregoing containing the original proceeding in the matter of the application of Jacob McGinnis for a Pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of my office the twentieth day of September 1832. Hiram Wilbur, Clerk