

Pension Application for John McHenry

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At a Court of common Pleas held at the Village of Elmira in and for the County of Tioga in the State of New York commencing on the first Tuesday in September 1832. The same being a Court of Record because it is so declared to be by the Constitution & laws of the State of New York and having a seal and clerk

Present Hon. G. B. Baldwin, Esq, First Judge

Hon. John R. Drake

Hon Darius Bentley

Hon. Joseph L. Darling

Hon. Elijah Shoemaker Esquires, Judges.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On this 5th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges aforesaid now sitting, John McHenry, a resident of the Town of Southport in the County aforesaid; aged seventy two years and upwards 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 at MarbleTown in the then County of Ulster in the State of New York as near as he can recollect in the month of July 1776 as a volunteer in a company commanded by Capt. Jacob Hasbrock in Col. Levi Paulding's regiment, in the Brigade commanded by Brigadier General George Clinton, for the term of five months.

That the said company was immediately marched to the North River embarked in Sloops and landed at Fort Montgomery where after remaining about a week, they were marched to Kingsbridge where they remained about two months; that in the month of September in the said year 1776, immediately after the occupation of the City of New York by the British Troops under Sir Henry Clinton, he marched with the said Company to White Plains, where he remained until after the Battle at White Plains when he proceeded with the said company to Peekskill in the County of Westchester, where after remaining there about a month he proceeded with the company aforesaid to Fort Constitution where he continued until his said term of five months had expired, when he was regularly discharged.

On the month of January 1777 he again entered the service at Marbletown in the County of Ulster aforesaid for the term of two months in a company of militia commanded by Captain Abraham Deyo in a regiment attached to Gen. Clinton's Brigade, the name of the Colonel, then in command he does not now recollect. That they were taken in sleighs to a place called Clouster in New Jersey, near Ramapo, where he remained until his said term of two months expired when he was discharged.

In the months of April 1778 he removed to the County of Northumberland in the State of Pennsylvania where his father then resided—The inhabitants in that neighborhood were so much subjected to the attacks of the Indians that a company was formed for their protection in which the said John McHenry entered for nine

months under the command of Capt. John Nelson, Lieutenant Simon Himrod under Major Robert Smith. And in which he continued in active service until the expiration of the said nine months employed on the waters of the West Branch of the Susquehannah and the adjoining country in the protection of the Inhabitants against the incursions of the Indians by which they were continually harassed.

In the following year 1779 in the month of May as he believes, he enlisted for the term of seven months under Captain John Morrison at Northumberland in the State of Pennsylvania and was employed during the said term in boating on the Susquehannah river for the transportation of provisions and supplies for Sullivan's expedition against the Indians, from Middletown in Pennsylvania to Tioga Point at the confluence of the Susquehannah & Chemung Rivers, and occasionally as far up the Chemung River as Newtown, twenty miles above the Junction of the said rivers—where there was a temporary fort or embankment thrown up by Genl Sullivan, and near which he had an engagement with the Indians.

That there were nine companies enlisted for the said service, in the counties bordering on the Susquehannah river in the State of Pennsylvania and were generally under the Superintendence of Frederick Antis of Northumberland who was called Commodore but under the immediate orders of Genl Sullivan. That he was discharged at Northumberland aforesaid in November or December following when his said term of seven months had expired.

That in the month of May 1780 as near as he can now recollect, he enlisted for the term of nine months together with Thomas McHenry (who yet survives) at Northumberland aforesaid in a company of Rangers, then commanded by Captain Thomas Robinson to supply in part a deficiency produced in the said company in consequence of an engagement with the Indians at or near the mouth of Bald Eagle on the West Branch of the Susquehannah in which about Thirty of the said company were captured by the Indians—

That he continued in active service in the said company on the waters of the West Branch aforesaid & the surrounding country, wherever the appearance of the Indians required their service, and occasionally at Fort Rice on the Chillisquaque, a branch of the Susquehannah, which Fort was intended for the protection of the Inhabitants, until his said term of nine months expired, when he was discharged at Fort Rice, Moses VanCampen was Lieutenant under the said Capt. Robinson—

That all his service for which he claims a pension is thirty two months—and the said John McHenry further on his oath states that he was born at Wallkill in the then County of Ulster in the State of New York (now Orange) on the 16th February 1760; that he resided in the County of Northumberland (Penna) at the close of the war, and continued to reside on Big Fishing Creek in the said County until the year 1792 when he removed to the County of Tioga in the State of New York where he has continued to reside ever since.

That he received written discharges at the expiration of his several periods of service, but they have long since been lost or destroyed.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service now in his possession; that the only persons now living (and within his recollection) who can testify to his services are John Fitzsimmins of the Town of Southport in the said County of Tioga, and Thomas McHenry of Rohesburgh in the County of Columbia State of Pennsylvania, the latter of whom he can not without much inconvenience & expense produce in Court and John FitzSimmins of the said town of Southport.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the United States pension roll of the agency of any state. That he would refer to Caleb Baker & William Jenkin Esquires of the Town of Southport and Genl Matthew Carpenter & Col. John Hendy of the Town of Elmira, all in the County of Tioga aforesaid for the belief of his character, & the general belief in the neighborhood for his residence that he was a revolutionary soldier. (Signed) John McHenry

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Green M Tuthill, Clk