

## **Pension Application for William McKee**

R.6748

State of New York

Ontario County SS

On this twenty seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the court of common Pleas William McKee a resident of the Town of Seneca in the County and State aforesaid aged nearly 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 provision made by the act of congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777, with Captain Mitchell and served in Col. Daniel Morgans Rifle Regiment, at Saratoga (then Albany County New York) when he then resided under the following named officers, viz.

Captain Mitchell, Colonel Daniel Morgan and was under command of Genl Schuyler, untill Genl Gates took command of the Northern Army.

That on his enlistment which was in the month of March he went to Fort Edward and remained there untill Ticonderoga was abandoned and taken possession of by the British under Genl Burgoine, from Fort Edward was ordered to Saratoga and to the Islands at the mouth of the Mohawk and remained there until Genl Gates arrived & took command, from thence marched to Bemis Heights and was in the engagements on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1777 and at Saratoga the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, that previous to these engagements he volunteered with two hundred men under Col. Gordan and went up the North River to reconnoiter and on their return they burnt and destroyed the bridges In order to impede the advance of Borgoin's Army. That of said party of Two hundred men more than half never returned—after the surrender of Burgoine he went with the army as guard to the Prisoners through Albany and near to Boston and was Discharged in December not a great distance from Boston but does not recollect the name of the place—was discharged previous to their arrival at Boston as a favour owing to the exposed situation of his wife and child at Saratoga—

That in 1778, about harvest time he was ordered out in the militia under Captain Woodworth, Colonel John MdCrea and Lieut. Col. VanVeghten and continued in service about three months at Fort Edward & Lake George and was there under command of Col. Warner; and that every year afterwards while the close of the war he was ordered out under the same officers of Militia for two, three and four months in each year, but that he cannot particularize as there was then great confusion among both men and officers.

That Saratoga was then considered Head Quarters, and there was a standing order that on hearing the report of their guns, the order was to assemble at that place and that he never omitted turning out on hearing the signal.

That in the year 1775 previous to his enlistment in Col. Morgan's Regiment he belonged to the Minute men under Captain Baldwin and was out in actual service from three to four months—was eight months in service in 1777.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) William McKee

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Charles Crane, Clerk