

### **Pension Application for James McKie**

W.21788 (Widow: Elizabeth)

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January; one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared, in open court, before John Willard, Esqr, Surrogate of the County of Washington, in the said state of New York the said John William Esqr holding said Court James McKie a resident of the Town of White Creek, in the said County and State aged 72 years who being first 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

That on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 1776, he enlisted in the Town of Cambridge, County of Washington and State of New York into Capt. Samuel Hodges' Company of Militia for five months. Col. VanDyke commanded the Regiment.

That he marched to Fort George in said State, staid there three months, employed in repairing the fort and doing garrison duty.

From fort George went to Troy in said State, from thence marched to Fort Ann in said State, where he was discharged i=on the first of December 1776—his five months having expired.

That he entered as a volunteer into the service of the United States, in the said Town of Cambridge, in the month of July 1777, in Capt. Joseph Wells Company. Col. VanVoort's Regiment, Genl Schuyler's Brigade, marched to Salem in Washington County, where he was employed in building a small fort, and in protecting the lines. That he then served three weeks.

That he again entered the service of the United States in said Town of Cambridge on the first day of April 1779 as a volunteer in Capt Lewis Stockwells Company of New York Militia for nine months; marched to WhiteHall in the County of Washington & State of New York, where he was employed in doing garrison duty and protecting the frontiers from the British and Indians was discharged on the first of January 1780—having served his nine months—

That on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1780 he again entered the service as a volunteer from said Town of Cambridge in Lt Panells company of Militia—marched to the aforesaid Town of Whitehall—while there employed in keeping the fort and guarding the Inhabitants from the enemy—

Staid there until the 21 March 1780 on which day the Fort was taken by the Indians, and all the garrison, Killed or taken prisoners, except this declarant who made his escape; that he then served one month including the time of Marching to said Whitehall and back again to said Town of Cambridge.

That in Oct'r 1782 he volunteered in said Town of Cambridge into Capt Joseph Wells company of Militia, the time he don't remember marched to Granville in

Washington County and remained in service one month. That his duties consisted in guarding the lines.

That on the last day of December 1775 he entered as a volunteer in the said Town of Cambridge with Capt. Joseph Wells Company of Militia—marched to Johnstown in the State of New York where he staid  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a month—went to Johnstown to disarm Sir John Johnson and his adherents.

That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear more positively as to the precise length of services, than above, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned in his said declaration and as below, and in the following grades for the year 1776, five months as a militia man—for the year 1777 he served three weeks as a militia man. For 1779 he served as a militia man nine months. For the year 1780 he served as a militia man one month. That in the year 1782 he served as a militia man one month—That in the year 1775 he served as a militia man  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a month.

That he was born in Scotland in the year 1760. Came to the United States in 1774—has a record of his age in his Family Bible; was living in the Town of Cambridge, Washington County and State of New York, when he was first called into service, and has lived there ever since and now resides there.

Volunteered when he entered the service—knows of no regular officer who was with him, but Capt. Luis Stockwell—Knew Genl Schuyler—Received no written discharge from service—knows of no clergyman living by whom he can prove his revolution services, or by whom he can prove that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War by reputation.—That he knows of no witnesses living by whom he can more particularly prove his services than those whose depositions are hereto annexed. That he is known in his neighborhood by Thomas G. Ashton's, William Nicholson & others.

Her 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 the agency of any state. (Signed) James McKie

Sworn and subscribed this day and year aforesaid in open court. John Willard  
Surrogate

#### Family Record

Sarah McKie Daughter of Hames & Elizabeth was born Nov'r 24<sup>th</sup> 1785.

Mary McKie was born Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1787.

John McKie was born June 1<sup>st</sup> 1789.

George McKie born August 14<sup>th</sup> 1791.

Elizabeth McKie born Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1793.

William McKie born October 21<sup>st</sup> 1795.

Ann McKie born November 28<sup>th</sup> 1797.

Margaret McKie born May 4<sup>th</sup> 1800.

[?] McKie born June 11<sup>th</sup> 1802.

James McKie born February 24<sup>th</sup> 1805.

Peter McKie born January 16<sup>th</sup> 1808.

James & Elizabeth the Three married Jan 27, 1785.

William & Sarah McKie married Oct 24, 1805.

Letter in folder dated January 9, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of James McKie, born July 7, 1780, in Scotland, died in Cambridge, New York, June 14, 1843, whose widow, Elizabeth, received a pension and Peter Whiteside, born in 1755, in Pennsylvania, died in Cambridge New York in 1835.

Because of the great demand for Revolutionary War data and the limited trained clerical force available for furnishing such information, it is impossible to comply in full with each request pertaining to soldiers of that war. You are furnished herein the history of James McKie, as found in pension claim, W.21788, based upon his military service in the War of the Revolution.

James McKee was born in 1760, in Scotland and came to America in 1774. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Cambridge (later White Creek), New York, James McKie volunteered and served as a private with the New York troops, as follows: from the last of December 1775, one-third of a month in Captain Joseph Wells' Company and marched to Johnstown against Sir John Johnson; from June 24, 1776, five months in captain Samuel Dodge's Company, Colonel VanDyke's Regiment, served at Fort Ann and Fort George; from July 1777, three months in captain Joseph Wells' Company, Colonel VanWoert's Regiment, and assisted in building a fort at Salem, Washington County, New York; from April 1779 to January 1, 1780, in Captain Levi Stockwell's Company, Colonel Gansevoort's Regiment, was stationed at Skenesborough (later WhiteHall) doing garrison duty and protecting the frontiers; from March 1, 1780, under Lieutenant Powell, was at Skenesborough when the fort at the place was attacked by the Indians and the entire garrison with the exception of this soldier, murdered or taken prisoner; he escaped by hiding in the logs and in the water until the Indians departed: length of this service about twenty days from October 20, 1780, five weeks in Colonel VanWoert's Regiment; and from October 1782, one month in Captain Joseph Wells' Company.

[Hand written note in margin: *Skeneaboro was taken at an earlier date according to Heitman so did not use date he gave, mar. 21, 1780.*]

James McKie was allowed pension on his application executed January 15, 1833, while residing in White Creek, Washington County, New York.

He died at said White Creek, June 14, 1843.

The soldier married January 27, 1785, at Cambridge, New York, Elizabeth Wilson, of said Cambridge. The date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown.

Soldier's widow, Elizabeth was allowed pension on her application executed January 3, 1843, at which time she was residing in White Creek, New York, and gave

her age as eighty years. In 1845, she stated that she was aged seventy-eight years; no explanation was made for this discrepancy in age.

Names of Children:

Sarah McKie, born November 24, 1785.

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Almy McKie born June 11, 1802.

James McKie born February 24, 1805.

Peter McKie born January 16, 1808.

The following also appears:

William and Sarah McKee married October 24, 1805.