

### **Pension Application for James McMaster or McMasters**

S.23315

Letter in folder dated September 30, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to James McMaster and Robert Troup, soldiers of the Revolutionary War. Their histories are given below:

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in in Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.23315, based upon the military service of James McMaster or McMasters in that war.

James McMaster resided in Orange County, New York, during the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in July, 1777, and served as a private in Captain William Faulkner's Company, Colonel James McClaghry's New York Regiment; was at Fort Montgomery on October [?] 1777, when that fort was attacked and captured by the British in which action he was severely wounded by a bayonet thrust in the right thigh about four inches above the knee, passing through the limb and materially injuring the muscles and joint. After the battle his company was dispersed. He enlisted May 5, 1778, and served until January 27, 1779, as a private in Captain Graham's Company, Second New York Regiment.

After the battle of Fort Montgomery, he resided in Wallkill, New York, in 1786, he was living in Marbletown, Ulster County, New York, to which place he had moved about the close of the Revolution.

He was allowed pension from May 6, 1828, on account of disability resulting from the above named injury, at which time he resided in Dryden, Tompkins County, New York, where he had then resided for about fifteen years.

He died July 22, 1837, aged eighty years.

The soldier's wife was named Mary. Her maiden name, date of their marriage and date of her death are not shown, but it was stated that her death occurred prior to that of the soldier.

Four children are referred to:

Sarah De Witte – in 1846, a resident of Marbletown, New York. Died about November 1847.

David McMasters died November 14, 1847.

Eliza McMasters died November 14, 1847.

John McMasters died January 20, 1848.

The last three children above named were all residing in Caroline, Tompkins County, New Your, in 1846.

The pension which was due James McMaster at his death was paid in 1854 to his son, John McMasters, then aged fifty-two years and the only surviving child of the soldier. John McMasters then resided in Dryden, Tompkins County, New York.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, W.16450, based upon the military service of Robert Throup in that war.

Robert Troup entered the service on or before January 1, 1775, as lieutenant and subsequently, while holding that rank, was appointed aide-de camp to brigadier General Woodhull and acted as such until after the battle of Long Island, August 27, 1776, where he was taken prisoner; was confined on board the prison ship, "Jewrsey", until the spring of 1777, when he was exchanged and shortly afterward was appointed aide-de-camp to Major General Gates, with the rank of Major: he was present at the battle of Saratoga and afterward carried to Congress the General's report of the action of September 19, and received the thanks of that body. By resolve of Congress, of date October 4, 1777, he was appointed Deputy Adjutant General for the Army for the Northern Department; May 29, 1779 he was appointed secretary to the Board of Treasury which appointment he resigned February 8, 1780. It was stated that he was also secretary to the Board of War.

He died January 14, 1832. His age is not stated.

The soldier married February 18, 1787, in New York City, Jennet Goelet.

Pension was allowed soldier's widow, Jennet, on her application executed October 7, 1839, at which time she was aged seventy-eight years and resided in New York City.

She died January 31, 1840, leaving has her only surviving children, two daughters, Charlotte Brinkerhoff, of New York City, and Louisa Troup, whose residence was not states. Their ages are not given.

There are no further data as to family.