

Pension Application for Alexander McMechan

W.17112 (Margaret) Married May 27, 1793, Alexander died May 12, 1845.

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State of New York

Orange County SS.

On the second day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting being a Court of record— Alexander Mc Meehans a resident of the Town of Lysander in the County of Onondaga and State of New York seventy five years last February—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 7th [sic] 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated.

That in the month of June 1776 he enlisted in Captain William Faulkner's Company in Col. Hardenburghs Regiment at WestChester in the County of Ulster (now Orange) in said State as a volunteer and was marched with said company to the City of New York and was kept near the City and at Greenwich a few miles from the City until New York was taken by the British which happened while he was there during the said six months, that he then retreated with our Army to Westchester County at Kings Bridge and White Plains, he was at the Battle at White Plains, he served his six months out and was marched to Peekskill and dismissed in December the same yar, he then returned home and stayed nine days only and was again called out in the Militia his Captain William Dennison's Company in Col. McGlaugherty's Regiment and was taken to Paramus and Ramapo and served one month and was then dismissed and returned home, and that in the following spring 1777 he was drafted for three months at Wallkill aforesaid and served in Captain [Demp?] company in Col. McGlaughery's Regiment and was marched to Fort Montgomery and served the three months out in Col. [Hardenburgh?] and then returned home and in the spring of 1778 he was called out in the militia and served one month at Peenpack in Captain Cuddeback's company protecting the frontiers of said State of New York engaged the Indians and that the same reason he was called out and served one month at New Windsor Snake Hill and Newburgh in Orange County.

And this applicant says that at all his said services above specified he served as a private and scout Hezekiah Woodward of Mount Hope in the County of Orange served with this applicant four of the times above specified.

And that he does not know of only one of the persons that did serve with him that an Amos Wheat of the said County of Orange and he is very aged and infirm but he is acquainted with many persons in the County of Orange and County of Columbia where he formerly lived who can testify to his character for truth and veracity Col. Benjamin Woodward, Doctor Robert Shaw, William Shaw Esqrs Johon bell and many others in the County of Orange.

And this applicant says he was born in Ireland and came to this country in 1775, and lived in the Town of Wallkill in the County of Ulster there (now Orange) in the State of New York about four years during the Revolutionary war, except when in

the United States service two or three years he traveled at different places and has no certain fixed residence, but often the Revolutionary War in 1783 this applicant settled in the County of Columbia in the State of New York and resided there until the Fall of 1831, he then removed to where he now resides and this deponent says that the reason why this applicant did not make his declaration in the county where he now resides is that he is a stranger there has lived there but nearly two years and that all who knew anything of this applicant's Revolutionary service reside in the County of Orange where this applicant resided when he rendered the said services and this applicant says that there is no settled Clergyman in the immediate vicinity of the applicant and none in the County of Orange with whom he is acquainted.

That he has no record of his age but was always informed he was born in the year 1758, which he believes to be correct, that he has no documentary [documentary] evidence of his services never received any written discharges but always served the terms for which he enlisted or was drafted or called out, and that he served with no embodied corps each term of his service called into service by competent authority that he was either in the field or in Garrison each of his terms above specified, and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit, and for such service I claim a pension.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State, he was acquainted with Gen. James Clinton, Gen Scott, Gen Health, Col. Nicholas Fish of the Regular Army. (Signed) Alex'n. McMeehan

Subscribed and sworn in open court the second day of September 1833. Asa Dunning, Clerk