

Pension Application for Alexander McNish

W.23937 & S.28094 (Widow: Sarah) Alexander died March 24, 1827.

We, the subscribers Abraham TenBroeck and Peter Gansevoort Junr do certifie [certify] that upon an examination, in pursuance of the law, Entitled "An Act making provision for officers, soldiers, and seamen, who have been disabled in the service of the United States." Passed the 22d of April 1786. We do find that Alexander McNish residing In the State of New York aged thirty two years, late a Serjeant in Capt Armstrongs Company in the Regiment of Militia commanded by Coll Williams and Claiming Relief under the Act of Congress recited in the said law, as an invalid in fact; and that he became disabled in the service of the United States, in Consequence of a wound in his neck at Saratoga in the month of October 1777—

And do further Certifie that upon the principles of the said act of Congress, the said Alexander McNish, is entitled to the pay of four and one third dollars pr month.

Given under our hands, in the City of Albany on the fourteenth day of September 1786. Abraham Ten Broeck, Peter Gansevoort Junr.

Forty one Doller and sixty cents every six months.

Letter in folder dated February 9, 1912, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter dated the 8th and received the 9th instant, requesting information for Mr. A.A. McNish of Burton, Ohio, I have the honor to advise you that from the papers in claim, Wid. File No. 23,937, Rev. War, it appears that Alexander McNish resided at Salem, New York, when he enlisted in the fore part of 1776, in Captain Joseph McCracken's company, marched to Canada, and was stationed at Ticonderoga until the evacuation; 18 months.

Enlisted again in 1777, as Sergeant, Captain John Armstrong's company, Colonel John Williams' regiment, and was wounded in the neck at Saratoga, about October 13, 1777; 3 months.

In 1778, he was an Ensign of same company and regiment, and served short tours at various times, amounting to about one year.

He was allowed pension for said wound in 1786, at which time he was 32 years of age.

He married August 26, 1778, Sarah McCoy, at Salem, New York, where he died March 24, 1827, and she was allowed pension on her application executed March 6, 1838 while eighty years of age and a resident of Salem aforesaid.