

Pension Application for Silas McWethey or McWithey

S.41822

State of Vermont

Frankling County SS.

On this 25th day of March 1818 before me, the subscriber one of the Judges of the County Court within and for the County of Franklin, personally appears Silas McWethey aged sixty five years resident in St. Albans, County and State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration In order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war”.

That in the said Silas McWethey on the 3d day of May 1777 enlisted in New Concord in the State of New York in a Company commanded by Captain Benjamin, in Colonel Livingston’s Regiment and General Glover’s Brigade of the New York Line on [the] Continental establishment that he the said Silas McWithey continued to serve in said Corps or in the Service of the United [States] from 3d of May 1777 until the 28th day of November 1782 and was discharged at Boston 28 Nov. 1782, on the 2d day of August 1781.

He was taken a prisoner by the British at Kingsbury in the State of New York, and was carried to Canada, from thence to Quebec and was exchanged and arrived in Boston 28th Nov 1782, he never had any written discharge. He was a prisoner one year and four months and thirteen days. He was in the Battles of Stillwater & Taking of Burgoyne and that he is in reduced circumstances and stand in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signed) Silas McWethey

Sworn to and declares before me the day and year aforesaid. Frederic Bliss
Asst Judge of Franklin County Court.

Letter in folder dated December 11, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.41822, it appears that Silas McWethey or McWithey enlisted in New Concord, New York, May 3, 1777 and served as a private in Captain Ebenezer Benjamin’s Company, Colonel Livingston’s New York Regiment, he was in the battle of Stillwater and served until in May or June 1778.

In 1781 he was ordered out on the scouting party by Colonel Warren, August 2, 1781 was taken prisoner at Kingsbridge by Tories and carried to Canada, he was exchanged at Boston November 28, 1782.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 25, 1818, while a resident of St. Albans, Franklin County, Vermont, aged sixty-five years.

In 1820, soldier referred to his wife, Abigail, aged sixty-three years, and son Solomon, age not given.

Soldier died July 18, 1836.

There is no further data on file as to family.