

Pension Application for William Terrell

S.42467

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On this 12th day of June 1821 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record for the said County of Montgomery, called the Court of Common Pleas, proceeding according to the principles of Common Law, having the power of fine and imprisonment, William Terrell aged 67 (Sixty seven) years resident in Palatine in said County and State, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows—Enlisted in the month of July 1775 (1) and served till the 1st day of January following in Captain Joseph McCracken's company in the 2d New York Regiment on the Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Gooshen VanSchaick. In the month of January 1776 (2) he reenlisted for one year and served till the 1st January 1777 when he was honorably discharged. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818. And that I have not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby, so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service in the land and naval service in the revolutionary War", passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts of debts due to me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. (Signed) William Terrell

Sworn to and declared in open court on the 12th day of June 1821. Peter H. Bostwick, Clerk of the County of Montgomery.

Real property I have none either in possession, reversion remainder or expectancy.

Personal property, 1 old Cherry Table, 1 old Cupboard, 1 Tin Teapot, 2 old Tin Pails, 2 old iron spoons, 1 old pewter platter, one small looking glass, 1 old foot stove, 1 old [phuse?], 1 Bible, one psalm book, 1 old axe, 1 hoe, 1 drawing knife, 1 inch auger, 2 small chizzles, 1 spike Gimblet, 2 old sheep, 2 lambs, 1 pig, I was brought up to the farming business but have not been able to labor for three years by reason of a lame foot, proceeding from a fever which I took at Lake George when in the service of the United States. I have a wife named Jane living with me aged seventy one years who is very feeble and unable to work, whom I must support that I have no other means of support than what I receive from the pension of the United States which I received up to the 4th March 1820, I further saith not. The number of the original certificate from the war office of the United States is [15236?] & dated the 1st October 1819, and the date of the original application was on the 16th day of May 1818. (Signed William Terrell. Filed June term 12th June 1821.

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William Terrell of the town of Palatine in the County and State aforesaid on the sixteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord 1818 before me James Hildreth one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County personally appeared and being duly sworn saith that he was aged sixty four years on the twenty second day of February now last past, that he resides in the town aforesaid and on his oath makes 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 in the land and naval service in the revolutionary War", he the said William enlisted in the town of Salem County of Charlotte now County of Washington in the state aforesaid in the month of July in the year of our lord 1775 in the company commanded by Captain Joseph McCracken in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaick of the Infantry in the army of the United States in the line of the State aforesaid and enlisted to serve until the month of January then next, that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until in the month of January in the year 1776 in the capacity of drummer when he the said William at Salem aforesaid in the same month of January 1776 reenlisted in the same company and regiment for the term of one year, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States in the capacity as Corporal until the first day of January in the year 1777 when at Salem aforesaid he was discharged from service, that he was in the battle of Montreal (3) and aided in taken[taking] it and was in the various skirmishes with the enemy whilst the British Fort of St. Johns (4) was besieged & which terminated in the surrender and capture of that Fortress to & lay down the arms of the United States in the year 1775 and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that this deponents discharge is worn out and lost & this deponent was honorably discharged the service. (Signed) William Terrell

Sworn and Subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid the day and year first mentioned. James Hildreth

Reply to a letter of inquiry dated December 13, 1898.

Replying to your recent communication you are advised that William Terrell, made an application for pension on May 16th, 1818, at which time he was 64 years of age and residing at Palatine, NY and his pension was allowed for one year's actual service as a private in the New York troops, Revolutionary War. He enlisted at Salem, New York and served under Capt. McCracken and Col. VanSchaick.

End Notes—S.42467—William Terrell

1. There are no known muster rolls for this company. On June 28, 1775 the following officers were appointed for the Seventh Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Second New York Continental Regiment: Captain Joseph McCracken, First Lieutenant Martin Moses, and Second Lieutenant John Barns.
2. Joseph McCracken was appointed Captain on February 16, 1776 in Colonel VanSchaick's Continental Regiment (unnumbered in 1776). Again there are no known muster rolls for this company.
3. There were two Battles of Montreal. These were September 25 and November 12, 1775.
4. The Siege of St. Johns was from September 18 to November 3, 1775.