

Pension Application for William McAlister or McAllister

W.24142 (Widow: Eleanor) Married February 5, 1783. William died September 1, 1819.

B.L.Wt.7454-100 Issued May 5, 1791 to R.V. Howenburgh. No papers.

Letter in folder dated November 8, 1922, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter of the 7th Ultimo, you are advised that William McAlister (McAllister or McCollister) was allowed pension on his application executed Sept. 22, 1818 while a resident of Alburgh, Grand Isle County, Vermont, aged sixty two years.

He stated that he enlisted in the state of New York, in the spring of 1777, in Captain Jonathan Perry's company, Colonel Henry B. Livingston's 4th New York regiment, was in both battles of Stillwater, battle of Monmouth and battle of Newtown, under General Sullivan in his expeditions against the Indians; he was transferred (date not given) to Captain Theodosius Fowler's Company, Colonel Philip VanCortland's 2d New York Regiment, was in the battle of Yorktown and at the taking of Cornwallis, and was discharged after the war was over in June (year not given) at Little Britain, N.Y.

He stated that he delivered his discharge to Lieutenant Rudolph VanHowenburgh to whom he sold his land, and The records of this bureau show that warrant 7454 for 100 acres of bounty land on account of the services of William McAlister as a private of New York troops, issued May 5, 1791 to R.V. Howenburgh, assignee.

Soldier married January 17, 1784, Eleanor Wilsey (Willsee or Wilsie) and evidence on file shows that on "January 17, 1784 William McCallister of Ulster county and Eleonore Wiltside of Pokeepsie prect. were married after publishment, by Isaac Rysdyck Pastor of Reformed Dutch Church of New Hackensack, Dutchess County, N.Y."

After their marriage they resided at Nine Partners about three years; at Rensselaer's Patent nine years; and Odell Town, Lower Canada until 1818.

William McAlister died Sept. 1, 1819 at Alburgh;, Vermont and his widow Eleanor was allowed pension on her application executed April 12, 1837, at which time she was a resident of Alburgh aforesaid.

In 1840 she resided at Napierville, Montreal, with one of her sons. There are no names of children stated.

It does not appear that pension was claimed by Elizabeth, widow of William Willsie, as described by you.