

Pension Application for Neal McClean or Neil McLean

W.20249 (Widow: Sarah)

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this twentieth day of April 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster in the State of New York personally appears Neal McClean aged sixty years resident in the town of Shawangunk in the said County of Ulster 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 he the said Neal McClean enlisted at Fort Montgomery in the State of New York in the company commanded by Capt Jackson in the 2nd New York Regiment commanded by Col. VanCortland in the Month of January 1777—

That he continued to serve in said Corps until the 8th day of June 1783 when he was discharged from service at New Windsor in the State of New York at which time he received the original discharge from General Washington to this Deposition annexed—

That he was at the Battles of Saratoga or Bemis Heights and in the Detachment under General Sullivan sent against the Indians and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. (Signed with his mark) Neal McClean

Sworn & declared before me the day & year aforesaid. James Kain

Letter in folder dated December 12, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you state that the Revolutionary War record which you desire is that of Neal McClean, of New York State and not Neal McTear.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.20249, based upon the military service in that war of Neal McClean.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of Neal McClean are not shown.

Neal McClean enlisted at Fort Montgomery, New York, exact date not shown, served as a private in Captain Jackson's New York Company and in Captain Hamtramck's Company, Colonel Philip VanCortland's 2nd New York Regiment, was in the battle of Saratoga, in General Sullivan's Indian Expedition and at the taking of Cornwallis and was discharged June 8, 1783, having served six years and six months.

[In the margin written: *He said 1776 once & Jan 1777, & as Jackson retired in 1777 & was never apparently in 2nd Regt & as I found not under Jackson in 4th NY, I arranged it this way.*]

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 20, 1818, at which time he was aged sixty years and resided in Shawangunk, Ulster County, New York, where he died December 28, 1838.

The soldier married February 18, 1785, at Shawangunk, New York, Sarah Wilson. The date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not stated. They were married at the home of William Decker; no relationship of said William Decker to the soldier and his wife was shown.

Soldier's widow, Sarah, was allowed pension on her application executed June 29, 1839, at which time she was aged seventy-four years and a resident of Shawangunk, New York.

Catharine McClean, the first child of the soldier, Neal McClean and his wife, Sarah, was born November 18, 1785, and was baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church of Shawangunk, New York, on December 24, 1785; her godparents were Jeremiah Decker and Catharina Terwilliger. No relationship of the godparents to the family was shown. In 1820, soldier stated that he had a daughter, aged thirteen years, living with him but did not give her name. In 1843, Noses Smith, of Shawangunk, New York, stated that he was a son-in-law of the soldier, Neal McClean; the name of the wife of Moses Smith is not stated, and no names of any other children are given.

Sarah McClean, widow of Neal McClean, Certificate No. 1895, issued September 5, 1843, rate \$80 per annum, commenced March 4, 1843, Act of March 3, 1843, New York (City) Agency.