

Pension Application for Alexander McCreery

S.13888

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Tompkins County SS.

On this twenty-fifth day of September eighteen hundred and thirty-two, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Tompkins in the State of New York now sitting Alexander McCreery a resident of Hector in the County of Tompkins aforesaid, aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That on or about the first of May 1777 there being a call for a draft from the Militia in the town of Newburgh, Ulster County & State of New York, it is now Orange County, he the said McCreery volunteered for four months, and entered a company commanded by Captain James Humphrey in a Regiment commanded by Colo. Paulding and McClagherty—That the above draft was for the purpose for raising troops to guard Fort Montgomery.

That immediately after he volunteered as aforesaid he march[ed] to Fort Montgomery, then under the command of General James Clinton, and remained there four months, was discharged and returned home. With a few days after he returned home, orders came for another draft of every third man, for three months service—he again volunteered and returned to Fort Montgomery under the same officers, under whom he had before served—

That he served the said three months and was again discharged and returned home. That during this last service Fort Montgomery was taken by the British—It was taken according to his recollection on the 6th of Oct. 1777—After the fort was taken he not being taken with it, march[ed], with a part of his company not taken, over Fish-kill and remained there until he was discharged.

In the month of January 1778 the militia was again called out to guard the inhabitants against the plunder of the British and Tories, who had committed considerable, depredations, in Ramapo, Peramus and Hackensack—

He again volunteered for two months and entered a company commanded by Captain Tilford in Col. McClagherty's Regiment—that he served in said Company and Regiment two months and was discharged, the term for which he volunteered having expired.

In May or June in the same year he again volunteered for two months service—served said two months, was discharged & returned home. At this time he served in Captain Cuddeback's Company in Col. Cantine's Regiment. In this last service he was

employed in guarding the frontier at Minising [Minisink] in the County of Ulster, State of New York.

And in the years 1779 and 1780 he was out in actual service at least half the time—In these years he was a part of the time in Captain Cuddeback's Company & a part of the time in Capt. Humphry's in Col. Cantine's Regiment—He did not in these last services volunteer but the militia was classed the & he belonged to our Class that was in service at least one year in the years 1779 & 1780—After the year 1780 he was not in service.

He was born in New Windsor, then Ulster, now Orange County in the State of New York in the year 1760 – Has a record of his age in his bible at his present dwelling in Hector, County of Tompkins New York. Lived in Newburgh when ordered into service and there was his residence during all his military services—Since the Revolution he has lived in the towns of Montgomery & Warwick Orange County New York and in Ulysses & Hector in the County of Tompkins, New York, for twenty-two years last past he has resided and still resides in the said town of Hector.

He entered the militia service as a volunteer—knew Gen. Clinton who commanded in Fort Montgomery—knew also Gov. George Clinton, who was at Fort Montgomery a considerable part of his services at that place but not all the time. A part or all of Col. Dubois, Col. Tuston's & Col. Johnson's Regiments were at Fort Montgomery during his services at that for. His services were principally confined to Orange, Ulster, & Dutchess Counties in the State of New York was engaged in no general battles—was not in Fort Mongomery [Montgomery] when it was taken—never received any written discharge, never held a commission. Is known to Peter Hagen, Jabez Smith, Caleb Smith, Hon. Richard Smith in his present neighbourhood who can testify to his character for truth and their belief as to his services, and many others.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares, that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. (Signed) Alex McCreery

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Saml. Love, clk.