

Pension Application for Alexander McDougall

S.29320 (Sergeant)

Sstate of New York

Washington County SS.

Town of Argyle

On this Twenty Eighth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Alexander McDougall, a resident of the town county and state aforesaid aged 78 years hereby next 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 enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of August 1775 in a company commanded by Capt Jacobus Brown in the regiment commanded by Col. James Clinton.

He at the time of his enlistment lived in the town of Montgomery in the then, county of Ulster State of New York enlisted in the town of Shawangunk in the same county in said state. He went with the regiment to St. Johns in Canada was there during the siege and until it capitulated went from there to Montreal and took possession of it. The enemy having evacuated it the night before.

In Montreal this deponent again enlisted in Capt. Thomas Dewits company in Col. James Clinton's regiment. He does not recollect the periods of his enlistments particularly but thinks his second enlistment was until the 15th of April 1776. He went from Montreal to Quebec in the months of December 1775 arrived at Quebec a short time previous to the storming of that place. This deponent belonged to the detachment commanded by General Montgomery.

After the fall of Montgomery a retreat was ordered by General Campbell retreated to Wolfs Cove and while there report was brought that Arnold was in possession of the lower town went round the town to St. Roche[?] while then prevented the enemy from taking two pieces of artillery retreated two miles from the town and remained then six or seven weeks. Was then ordered across the river to Point Levy, opposite to Quebec and then erected a battery from Point Levy went to a place called Point Lacey where the enemy had collected stores, took possession of the stores and some prisoners and returned to Point Levy—and remained there until his enlistment had expired. He crossed the river and went to St. Johns Suberbs, and was detained there until the first of May and then went to Montreal and was detained at Montreal some time—and in the month of June 1776 returned home to his former place of residence.

Some time in the summer of 1776 deponent went as a volunteer with the militia to Fort Montgomery in said state remained there he thinks about two weeks the reason of his going was on account of the enemy shipping coming up the North River, he again returned home.

In July or August 1776 again enlisted in a company commanded by Capt. Francis Burns, Col. Pauldings regiment for five or six months does not recollect which

went to Kingsbridge in the State of New York a part of the regiment was sent to Long Island.

The part that this deponent belonged to remained at Kingsbridge until the evacuation of new York, then retreated to the White Plains in the state aforesaid went from White Plains to Peekskill where he remained until his term of service expired. On his return home thie deponent again enlisted at New Windsor in said state, in a company commanded by Capt John Graham thinks it was in Col Pauldings regiment cannot tell exactly how long but, thinks it was for two or three months—was sent to Smith's cove to guard a provision store, from there was sent to [a] place called Closter to guard Fort Lee.

On the 26th day of February 1777 his deponent again enlisted with Capt. Cornelius T. Jansen in the third regiment of the New York Line commanded by Col. Peter Gansevoort for the term of three years, said regiment was organized at Fort Constitution, was sent to Peekskill which then had an engagement with the enemy and brout some stores and then returned to Fort Constitution, was sent to Peekskill which then had an engagement with the enemy and burnt some stores and then returned to Fort Constitution.

From Fort Constitution was ordered to Fort Dayton on the German Flats—from thence to Fort Schuyler where he was besieged by the enemy twenty two days, remained at Fort Schuyler until the fall of 1778, was then relieved by another regiment and marched to Albany in the State of New York –[re-entered?] at Saratoga in said state and in the spring of 1779 returned to Albany.

This deponent then went under the command of Col. James Clinton on Sullivan's Expedition so called went—to Canajoharie ins aid state to the lower end of Otsego Lake, state aforesaid—then down the Susquehannah river to Tioga Point when he met with General Sullivan—then marched up a branch of the Susquehannah river to a place called Newtown, where he was engaged with the enemy consisting of British, Indians, and Torries. At this place this deponent volunteered to follow the enemy on half allowance of provisions and with his regiment pursued them beyond the Genesee flats, then returned to Tioga Point—from Tioga Point went down the Susquehannah river to a place called Wyoming In the state of Pennsylvania—from thence to Easttwon—crossed the Delaware river at Easttown and went to Sussex in New Jersey from thence to [?town] from thence to Morristown—from thence to Mendor where they built huts.

On the 14th day of February 1780 went on an expedition under General Sterling to Staten Island – crossed on the ice at Elizabethtown Point, and went on to the East end of said island, staid there one day. Then returned to Mendor, and received an honorable discharge from the service of the United States on the 26th day of February 1784.

And this deponent further saith that shortly after the war he lost his discharge, and has never seen it since.

And this deponent further saith that during the time he was in the service of the Untied States, aforesaid he held the office of Sergeant for more than three years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Alex McDougall

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid J. S. Leigh Clk.

Letter in folder dated November 17, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Daniel and Alexander McDougall, soldiers of the Revolutionary War from the State of New York.

The Revolutionary War records of this office have been searched and no claim for pension found based upon the service of Daniel McDougal, under any spelling of that surname.

The record of Alexander McDougall is furnished herein as found in pension claim, S.29320, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Alexander McDougall was born in the month of February, 1755, place not stated, nor are the names of his parents shown.

While a resident of Montgomery, Ulster County, New York, Alexander McDougall enlisted sometime in August, 1775, served as a private in Captains Jacobus Bruyn's and Thomas DeWitt's companies, Colonel James Clinton's New York regiment, was at the siege of St. Johns, Canada, and in the storming of Quebec, and was discharged sometime in June, 1776. He served two weeks in the summer of 1776 at Fort Montgomery, New York, officers names not given. He enlisted sometime in July 1776, served about five months in Captain Francis Burn's Company, Colonel Pawling's New York regiment, and immediately enlisted and served about two months in Captain John Graham's Company, Colonel Pawling's regiment. He enlisted February 26, 1777, served as a sergeant in Captain Cornelius Jansen's company, Colonel Peter Gansevoort's 3rd New York regiment, was in Sullivan's Expedition against the Indians and at the siege of Fort Schuyler, was discharged February 26, 1780.

Alexander McDougall was allowed pension on his application executed August 28, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Argyle, Washington County, New York. He had moved in 1839 to Richland County, Ohio, with a son, but in 1843, he went back to the State of New York, to be with his children and friends. Names of his wife, children and friends were not given.