

Pension Application for John McGoraghey

W.23935 (Widow: Margaret) They married July 21, 1792. He died November 2, 1833.
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Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Albany SS.

On the eighth day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices Court of the City of Albany now sitting, John McGorachey a resident of the City of Albany in the county of Albany and state of New York 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 7, 1832.

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

That his Captain under whom he served was Garret Groesbeck of the City of Albany; that the first time he went out under him was from Albany to Canajoharie by the way of Schenectady and along the Mohawk River. That he remembers that Captain Nicholas Joraloman and his Company from the City of Albany were encamped with the company to which this declarer belonged at Fort Plain near the Mohawk River, that he was in the service about five weeks and then returned to Albany and was then discharged for that occasion but not in writing.

That he also marched from Albany to Schoharie under the same Capt. Groesbeck, and served there on that expedition and until his return home for four weeks and upwards, that he ahs no recollection of any of the officers with whom he served.

That after this he was drafted for a tour of duty for three weeks, and marched from Albany to Fishkill by water; and remained in camp near that place during the three months, he was drafted for, and then returned home & was discharged, but not in writing.

Sometime after which this declarer was ordered with the Albany militia on a tour to Saratoga and were encamped there near General Schuyler's place & mills on Fish creek and near the river, and served four week there and then returned to Albany and was discharged for that occasion.

That this declarer does not now recollect any of the officers who were on that expedition, other than Captain Groesbeck to whose company he belonged.

That he ahs from tiem to time preformed military duty as a militia man in mounting guard whenever ordered so to do, from the commencement of the Revolutionary War, until the close of it, and that his place of residence then was and still is in the City of Albany, and that according to his best recollection and belief al the particular periods of his military services, the same would amount to six months and more. That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person now living who can testify to his service except what is hereon endorsed.

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) John McGoraghey

Sworn to and subscribe d, the day and year aforesaid. J.G. Wasson Clk

The supplementary Declaratin of John McGorackey in addition to and amendatory of his original Declaration made and subscribed by him on the 8th of August 1832.

The said John McGorachey says that he was born in the north part of Ireland, and came to America when he was fourteen years of age; that he has no record of his age—That he resided with the late James Caldwell of the City of Albany, at the time he was the late James Caldwell of the City of Albany, at the time he was called into service, and has lived in said City ever since.

That in the year 1776, he was enrolled as a private in Capt. Groesbeck's Company of Militia in Colo Lansing's or Cuyler's Regt. In the City of Albany; that he was ordered out with the militia in the early part of the year 1777 and marched under the command of Capt. Groesbeck, thro' Schenectady and up the South Side of the Mohawk River, and encamped at Fort Plain near said river; where we found the company of militia under Capt. Joralemon of Albany encamped there also—that to the best of his recollection he remained at Fort Plain five weeks, and that by the time he returned to Albany and was dismissed, he had been in service for six weeks, but did not receive a written discharge, but merely by word of mouth.

That in the same year, or the year following, cut which of the two, this declarer does not now recollect, he was ordered to march with Capt. Goroesbrecks' Company and some other companies of the Albany Regiment (the names of whose officers he does not remember, but remembers two of the privates who were there also, to wit – Richard Tillman and Zachariah Sickels of the City of Albany) to Schoharie, and was out on this tour five weeks including the march to and return from Schoharie—that he has no recollection of any of the officers under whom he served at Schoharie excepting Capt. Groesbeck and Capt. Joralman—

That in the year 1778 as this declarer thinks, he was drafted out of Capt. Groesbrecks Company for a three months tour of duty, & marched from Albany to Fishkill by water, and remained in Capp there or near that place, for the said three months, and then returned home and was dismissed but not in writing—

In the same years, as this Declarer believes, he was ordered to march in the month of October to Saratoga, and were encamped near General Schuyler's place and mills on Fish Creek—this declarer remembers this from the circumstance of his having with his comrades, frequently sought shelter from the cold, in General Schuyler's barns amongst the hay mows; and that on this tour he was out on service, full four weeks, until dismissed, but as before, by word of mouth—

That from the time of his entering the service in 1776 and during the whole of his continuance therein, he has, when called on, and warned to do so, from time to time, mounted guard as a militia private in Capt. Groesbreck's Company, in the City of Albany, and which this declarer conceives may be fairly calculated as regular militia

duty, amounting to full five weeks, and for the foregoing services, he would respectfully claim a pension; hereby confirming his former declaration and declaring this addition now made by him, to be strictly conformable to the truth. (Signed) John McGoraghey

Subscribed and sworn to this 12th dec. 1832. John G. Wasson, Clk &c.