

Pension Application for Archibald McKillep (McKillup, McKellys)

S.13891

Otsego Com. Pleas

State of New York

Otsego County SS

SS June Term 1832

Be it remembered that on the 25th day of June personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Otsego & State of New York & a court of Record proceeding according to the principles of the Common law with powers of fine & imprisonment Archibald McKillip aged 76 years a resident of the town of Cherry Valley in said County of Otsego who being duly sworn according to law doth depose & declare in order to obtain a pension under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 7, 1832 Entitled an act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the revolution that he lived at the same place where he now resides in the year 1775 that sometime in the summer of that year he the said Archibald McKillip enlisted as a volunteer under the command of Capt. Christopher P. Yates (1) in Col. VanSchaicks regiment of the 2nd battalion of New York State troops for the period of Six months this deponent went into actual service in the war of the revolution under the enlistment as such volunteer as aforesaid in said Yates Company & was stationed at the outlet of Lake Champlain in Canada at the expiration of the said six months this deponent again enlisted under the command of Capt. Elisha Benedict (2) of the same regiment & battalion as before for the period of 3 or 4 months & remained in Canada until about the first of May 1776 & until the expiration of Eleven months from the time of his first enlistment as aforesaid at which time he this deponent was discharged & this deponent further saith that after his discharge & before his return home to Cherry Valley he again enlisted as a volunteer under the command of Capt. William Peterson (3) who was engaged in transporting provision & Ammunition from Albany to Canada & remained in this service from about the first of May 1776 until the 13th or 14th November following being the about term of 7 months & this deponent further saith that about the 13th March 1777 he again enlisted as a volunteer under the command of Capt. John Martin (4) & went to Albany where he was engaged about 4 months in transporting provisions & ammunition up to half Moon point as it was then called being the same place now known as the town of Waterford where he received orders to March from there up the Mohawk river to Fort Stanwicks (5) & this deponent further saith that their passage was intercepted by the Indians they were prevented from proceeding to the place of their destination, & he further saith that Capt. John Martin was made prisoner by the Indians & his company disbanded when this deponent returned home having been engaged in this last mentioned service about the space of 4 ½ months & this deponent further says that he did duty in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Thomas Whitaker (6) of Cherry Valley & belonging to a regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Campbell of the same place from about the first of May 1778 sometime in the summer of that same year when he was attached to the regiment of Col. Alden (7) under the command of Capt. Ballard (8) & served until the 11th November 1778 (9) when the said town of Cherry Valley was burnt by the Indians while in this last mentioned service this deponent says he was employed in scouting & helped to built the Fort in Cherry Valley aforesaid & the said Archibald McKillip further declares in manner aforesaid that he hath not at any time heretofore received any annuity or pension under any law of the United States & that he has never until now made any application for any such pension for services rendered by him in the war of the revolution.
(Signed) Arch. McKillep

Sworn & subscribed in open Court in the Court of Common pleas of the County of Otsego the 25th day of June 1832. Horace Lathrop Clerk.

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Samuel Willson (10) of the town of Middlefield in the County of Otsego & State of New York aged 77 years & six months being duly sworn in open Court in the Court of Common pleas in & for the County of Otsego doth depose & say that he lived where he now does in the year 1775 & knew the said Archibald McKillip who then lived in the town of Cherry Valley in the County of Otsego & this deponent well recollects that in the summer of 1775 the said Archibald McKillip entered under the command of Capt. Christopher P. Yates in Col. Van Schaick's regiment of the 2d Battalion of New York state troops for the period of six months that the said Archibald McKillip went into actual service in the war of the revolution under such enlistment & was stationed at the outlet of Lake Champlain in Canada that at the expiration of said six months the said Archibald McKillip again enlisted under the Command of Capt. Elisha Benedict of the same regiment & battalion for the period of 3 or 4 months.

Interrogatories proposed to Archibald McKillip in relation to his claim to a pension under the act of June 1832 by James O. Morse First Judge of Otsego County & his answers thereto on oath.

Ques—When & in what year were you born?

Ans. On the 12th July in the year 1755 at New Castle in Pennsylvania as he has been told he was only four years old when he left there & therefore cannot speak from his own knowledge.

Ques.—Have you any record of year age & if so where is it.

Ans. I have at home in by Bible.

Ques. Where were you living when called into service & where have you lived since & where do you now live.

Ans. When called into service I lived in Cherry Valley. After Cherry Valley was burned in 1778 I moved to Schenectady County at that time Albany county & lived there 4 years & returned to Cherry Valley where I have lived ever since & now live.

Ques—How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute.

Ans. I volunteered every time except in the Militia. I was then ordered out & was obliged to do duty or be fined I never served as a substitute for any person.

Ques. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served with Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. When I did service in Capt. Yates company in Col. Van Schaicks regiment the Col. Did not go with us to Canada but major Ganzvort (11) took command of the regiment & acted as Col. I have seen Gen's Schuyler, (12) Montgomery, Arnold. Have Col. Morgan Lewis, Col. Willet, the general circumstances of my service are detailed in my affidavit & Declaration hereto annexed.

Ques—Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Ans. I rec'd discharges from Capt. Yates & Bannedict which I presume have been burned.

Ques—State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. Thomas Thompson & John Thompson testify positively as to some of my services & Alexander M. Cowan & Peter Maghn testify as to my character for veracity whose deposition are hereto annexed. (Signed) Archd MKillip

Sworn to & Subscribed this 8th day of November 1832 before me. J. O. Morse First Judge of Otsego Co.

End Notes—S.13891—Archibald McKillip

1. Archibald enlisted as a private in Captain Christopher P. Yates' Fourth Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Second New York Continental Regiment on the 20th of July 1775. The muster roll is dated "Camp at Ticonderoga the 29th Day of August 1775". A Daniel McKillip Also enlisted on the same date in the same company. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 67, folder 19, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Elisha Benedict was the Captain of the Ninth Company in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment. Archibald and Daniel McKillip are listed as enlisting on January 1, 1776. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 67, folder 19, National Archives, Washington, D.C. The muster roll was taken at "Fort Chambly 31 Day of Jany 1776.
3. William Peterson was a captain of a company of Bateamen and were part of the Quartermaster General's Department.
4. John Martin was the captain of a bateau company again part of the Quartermasters General Department.
5. Fort Stanwix was renamed Fort Schuyler. Captain Martin's men arrived at Fort Schuyler with four bateaus on August 2, 1777, guarded by 100 men under Lieutenant Colonel James Mellon of the Ninth Massachusetts Continental Regiment. Most of the guard and Bateamen after unloading the bateaus went into the fort but Captain Martin and a few of his men remained at the landing. An advance party of regulars and Indians under Lieutenant Henry Bird of the 8th Regiment of Foot of Brigadier General Barry St. Leger's invading army attacked the remaining bateamen at the landing. Captain Martin was taken prisoner, two were wounded and one was missing. The missing man was found on the 3rd and he was severely wounded. They bought him into the fort where he died later that day. The remaining bateamen remained with the besieged garrison until August 22 when the siege was raised by a relief column approaching under Major general Benedict Arnold.
6. There appear to be no surviving muster rolls of Captain Thomas Whitaker's Company of Colonel Ebenezer Cox's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Colonel Cox was killed at the Battle of Oriskany and Lieutenant Colonel William Seeber died from wounds at said battle on September 1, 1777. First Major Samuel Campbell was promoted to colonel and second major Samuel Clyde was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Whitaker, Campbell and Clyde were commissioned on June 25, 1778.
7. Colonel Ichabod Alden of the Sixth Massachusetts Continental Regiment. The regiment was sent to Cherry Valley where a fort was built and named Fort Alden in honor of Colonel Alden.
8. William H. Ballard was the Captain of the First Company in Alden's Regiment. Archibald's name does not appear on his muster rolls. The continental and militia troops worked together on building the fort, scouting, guarding the settlement etc., land Archibald may have served under him in detachments sent out or on work parties.
9. In this raid Colonel Alden was killed and Lieutenant Colonel William Stacey was taken prisoner.

10. Samuel Wilson enlisted as a private on August 4, 1775 in Captain Yates' Company and again January 1, 1776 in Captain Benedict's Company.
11. Major Peter Gansevoort of VanSchaick's Regiment.
12. Major Generals Philip Schuyler, Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold Colonel Morgan Lewis was the Deputy Quartermaster General of the Northern Department. Marinus Willett on April 27, 1781 was appointed lieutenant colonel commandant of a regiment of New York State Levies.