

Pension Application for Archibald McKinley

S.42960

B.L.Wt.692-100

Declaration. I, Archibald McKinley of Albany in the County of Albany and State of New York Do, according to “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed March 18, 1818.” Solemnly Declare that I am now a resident citizen of the United States to wit, at Albany County & State aforesaid and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I stand in need of assistance from my Country for support.

I further Declare that I enlisted as private soldier into the service of the United States on the Continental Establishment in the year 1776 to serve during the war; that I was enrolled & did duty in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Andrew Fink in the first Regiment in the New York Line commanded by Colonel Guest VanSchaick [Goose VanSchaick] untill the year 1780, in the month of November when I was taken prisoner by the enemy near Valentine Hill and carried to New York City and remained Prisoner of war there untill the year 1782, when I attempted to make my escape but was recaptured, and forcibly put and kept on board a British ship of war, taken to England and there remained imprisoned untill peace took place between the belligerents, when I was discharged by order of the British Government & sent to the City of New York aforesaid.

I further declare that I hereby relinquish all my claim to every pension heretofore allowed me by the Laws of the United States—and request that I may be placed upon the pension list of the United States & agreeable to the provisions of the act aforesaid. (Signed with his mark) Archibald McKinley

Witness present . Albany April 1st 1818. John B. Staats. Estes House, Albany Co. Pleas for the State of New York.