

Pension Application for John Maclain

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Center County SS.

Court of Common Pleas 4th Judicial District, April 24th 1821.

On this 24th day of April AD 1821 personally appeared in open court, being a court of Record by the laws of the United States for the said County of Centre, John Maclain, aged about sixty nine years resident in the Township of Patten, in the County of Centre aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath declare that he served as a soldier during the War of the Revolution as follows, to wit—

In the Spring of the year 1778 he enlisted to serve during the War, in the City of Albany in the State of New York, with Captain Aron Austin who commanded a Company in the third New York Regiment, Colonel Willet, about one week after his enlistment he was marched to Fort Stanwix when he joined the Regiment, and remained there until the fall of the year when we were marched to the Barracks near the City of Albany where they passed the winter.

In the summer of 1779 we were marched along the Northern and Northwestern frontier of New York under the command of Genl James Clinton, during which time there was no engagements with the enemy.—We eventually passed down the North East branch of the Susquehanna River to Tioga Point where we met the Troops under Genl Sullivan to whose command we were attached, we then marched up the Genesee River for the purpose of destroying the Indians Corn Crops having effected this object we were marched on to Cayuga Lake from whence in the fall of the year 1779 we returned by the way of Wyoming & Easton, and through [blank space] in Jersey to winter quarters at Morristown.

In the ensuing summer we were under the command of Col Courtland and attached to the command of the Marquis LaFayette and passed the winter, after having been marched and placed in different Garrisons during the summer, at Saratoga Barracks—

That during the winter of 1781 the 3rd New York Regiment was consolidated with the First New York Regt; in the spring of which year they were marched to join the main Army) Colonel VanScyck then commanding the first Regiment) and were present at the Siege of York Town in Virginia and the Capture of Lord Cornwallis— After which circumstance having taken place they were marched back to Jersey and passed the winter in huts at Pompton in New Jersey, has continued in the service until, the spring of the year 1783 when, after having passed the winter at Newburgh in the State of New York, he was discharged, after having served out his time faithfully, but that his discharge was burned in the City of Philadelphia either in the year 1787 or 1788-- That he receives one pension either from the United States or from any of the Individual States.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it,

so as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress Entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th March 1818 (and that I have not, nor has any person for me in trust any property, or securities, contracts or Debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed viz.

One Bay Mare \$50.00

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1 Waggon & Bed 60.00

4 Cows 36.00

2 yearling Steers 10.00

5 Young Hogs 7.00

1 Sled 1.00

6 Sheep 7.00

1 Plough & Farrow 3.00

Household furniture 30.00 #22[?]

I am a Shoemaker by Trade, but am unable to work at it because of an affection of my breast and my extreme age. I have a wife advanced in years and in bad health, I have no children. The property on which I reside belongs to the heirs of James Potter Esq deceased on which I am permitted to live during life on the payment of an annual rent of twenty six dollars and sixty seven cents, I am old and infirm unable to work to support myself—and in need of the assistance of my country for support—I am also indebted to an amount larger than the appointed amount of my property. (Signed with his mark) John Maclain.

Sworn & Subscribed in open Court the 24th day of April AD 1821. J. G. Lowrey.
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