

### **Pension Application for James McWilliams**

R.6821 (James died July 21, 1833. Two daughters survived, Jane and Nancy. His widow Mary died on or about February AD 1835. There is no deposition in the file for either James or Mary. In looking at the record, James served under Joshua Drake Capt., William Malcom Col., Elias VenBenschoten Major. It doesn't appear as if he served long enough to qualify for a pension.)

Ninepartners in Dutchess County; and State of New York I Doe Hereby Certify that the Bearer Hereof John McWilliams and his Brother James McWilliams; found their own arms and Acutremments and voluntarily joined my regiment of [blank] Turned out for American Liberty; and that they have been good friends to the Country ever since; given under my Hand This 27 Day of December 1783. Cornelius Humphrey

Province of Canada

County of Norfolk to wit:

I James McGill at present residing in the Township of Windham in the County of Norfolk and Province of Canada Schoolteacher, but formerly of Albany County in the State of New York one of the United States of America, make oath and say.

1. That I am the Grandson of James McWilliams formerly of Albany County aforesaid who was formerly a soldier who served during the War of Independence but now deceased.
2. That I remember my Grandfather distinctly and was in Albany County when he died in 1833.
3. That I have heard my Grandfather the said James McWilliams often speak of his services as a soldier, land have heard him say that he was present assisting at the Battle of White Plains in the State of New York and that in that engagement he received a wound in his leg, I also know that the said wound never closed during his life time.
4. That I have reason to believe and verily do believe that the said James McWilliams is the person he has been represented to be, and that the claim made by his heirs against the Government of the United States is honest and correct—and that the parties claiming are really and truly the lawful heirs of him the said James McWilliams and entitled to receive all arrearges or other grants to which the said James McWilliams was or became entitled to.
5. That I have been legally authorized by the surviving heirs of the said James McWilliams to make this claim upon the Government of the United States.
6. I remember distinctly hearing my said grandfather mention his intention of procuring the assistance of a friend to make an application for a pension but as soon afterwards died the same application was never made. (Signed) James McGill

Sworn before me at Suncue in the County of Norfolk and Province of Canada this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1857. Wm M. Wilson A commissioner for taking affidavits for Norfolk