

Pension Application for James McWithey or McWithy

S.32398

State of Illinois

Pike County

August 15, 1832, this day personally appeared before me Andrew Philips a Justice of the peace within & for said County)). James McWithy a citizen of said county & known to me to be the person whose name is hereunto affixed & made the following affidavit to wit, I James McWithy do solemnly swear that I did serve as a volunteer militia man (a private) in the war of the Revolution under Capt. Levi Stockwell, Lieut Thos. Boggs during the term of nine months. We were stationed at the Stone house at Skenesborough (now called Whitehall) at the had of Lake Champlain.

Also the following year I served another term of nine months as a volunteer militia man in said war in Col. Walbridges Regiment under Capt. Palmerly Allen, Lieut. Jonathan Wright & Lieut Saml Steward.

We were stationed three miles from the aforementioned Stone house, the British having the preceding winter burnt said house. Also the year which terminated said war one year having intervened since my last campaign.

I served another tour of nine months in said war. As a Ranger to keep the Tories in Subjection under Capt. Robert Armstrong and Lieut Robert Litel. We rendezvoused at a place then called great White Creek (now called Salem in the State of New York. It was in the service of the United States. (Signed) James McWithey

Sworn to & Subscribed before me the day and year above mentioned. Andrew Philips, Just. Peace

Letter in folder dated April 4, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of February 21st requesting information in regard to soldiers of the Revolution.

The data contained herein are obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.32398, based upon the Revolutionary War service of James McWithy or McWithey.

He was born March 8, 1763, place not stated.

While a resident of Granville, Washington County, New York, he enlisted and served nine months from April, 1778, as private in Captain Levi Stockwell's New York Company. He enlisted in April, 1779, and served nine months as private in Captain Parmalee Allen's Company in Colonel Walbridge's Vermont Regiment. He subsequently served six or nine month as orderly sergeant under Captain Robert Armstrong, was engaged against the Tories and was stationed at Salem, Washington County, New York.

After the Revolution he lived in New York, Vermont, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois.

One Elvin McWithey stated in 1832 that he was acquainted with the soldier but he did not say that he was related to him.

The Revolutionary War records of this office fail to afford any information in regard to David Callis and James McWhitney and the above noted is the only

pensioner from Pike County, Illinois, with surname similar to McWhitney that is found in said records.