

Pension Application for Daniel McMichael

S.13885 A note in the file indicates that Daniel died May 5, 1833.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On this Nineteenth day of September in the year one thousand and thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting, Daniel McMichael, a resident of the town of Glen in said County, aged seventy-three years and upwards, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He was born on the 15th day of December in the year 1758, at the residence of his parents about seven miles from the city of Albany in said State. He has no record of his age except that contained in his family bible.

When he entered the service of the United States in the revolutionary war he was living in the township of Schenectady – since the revolutionary war he has lived in said County of Montgomery, and at present resides in the town of Glen aforesaid.

He entered said service under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the spring of the year 1775, he was enrolled as a private in the company of militia in his beat commanded by Captain Abraham Oothout in the Regiment whereof Abraham Wemple was Colonel, & Abraham Swits and Myndert Wemple Majors.

Shortly after his enrollment in this company he was selected by said Major Wemple as his servant and was retained in this capacity for two years. Upon leaving this servitude in the year 1778 he was transferred to the company of militia commanded by Captain Jesse VanSlyck in the same Regiment of Colonel Abraham Wemple. His other company officers were Francis Veeder Lieutenant and John A. Vedder Ensign. In this last named company he received the appointment of orderly Sergeant & served as such till the end of the war. He was on some occasions placed under the command of other officers than those above named, as is herein after specified.

The first military excursion in which he remembers to have engaged, was to Fort Edward in the fall of the year 1777. He was in service in that quarter rising of two weeks previous to the surrender of Burgoyne.

In the spring of the year 1778 he went out to the troops that had taken post at Fort Plank. He was here with a party of militia under command of Captain Oothout aforesaid, and remained at this post on duty between three & four weeks.

In the fall of the year 1779, he was with the troops garrisoned at Fort Hunter. Colonel Goosen VanSchaick had then the command of this post. He remained here three weeks. Immediately thereafter he was ordered out again to Fort Plank under Captain Oothout aforesaid and remained there on duty between five and six weeks.

On one occasion when Sir John Johnson made a descent on the Mohawk settlements (the precise time he cannot recollect) he volunteered his services in

Captain Brickbradt's Company of Rangers (nine months men) in pursuit of said John Johnson, but he was not overtaken. He served in this campaign about seven week[s].

In the fall of the year 1780, when Ballston was burnt by the enemy, he volunteered in Captain Jellis Fonda's Company of ;minute men, and served therein at that time about one week. The very next day after his arrival at Schenectady from this expedition, he was ordered out to Fort Herkimer and was out at that time about nine weeks.

When the enemy under command of Major Ross appeared at Warrensbush in the month of October 1781, a detachment of militia was ordered out to cooperate with the levies under Colonel Willett. He was with this detachment, and served in this expedition about one week. He was at one time with a small detachment from the companies of Captains VanSlyck & Oothout aforesaid to Beaverdam in search of tories who rendezvoused at that place, and he aided in securing seven of them. In this excursion he was out one week.

He was four or five times at Fort Plank besides the time above referred to. At one of these times he had charge of the redoubt and ammunition there for nine weeks in succession. He was on duty twice at Schoharie. Once at the lower fort under Captain John Mynderse & Ensign Nicholas Yates of Col. Wemple's Regiment aforesaid, as near as he can recollect for about Eight weeks.

At another time he was at Schoharie under command of Major Veeder for about four weeks. He was at Clifton Park and places back of Ballston from the middle of October till some time in November 1781; also in the fall of the year 1782, with scouts of the militia under command of Captain Abraham VanEps and others in pursuit of a noted tory Joseph Bettis and his associates. Said Bettis was subsequently apprehended and hanged at Albany as a spy. When not out in expeditions like those above named he kept guard at the military works of defence erected at Schenectady. He has also performed sentinel duty at the Eelplaats about three miles northeast of Schenectady, and at other places these latter services in all would make at least one week.

He has thus specified some of the particular periods in which he served. To specify them all, is out of his power as he made no memorandum of his services & did not charge his memory therewith. He can only say that in these different tours of duty he served his country in the war of the revolution for a period in the whole exceeding two years and nine months.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served, or whom he knew, and such Regiments or companies as he can recollect: viz Colonels Goosen VanSchaick, Cornelius VanDyck, Lieutenant Colonel and the companies under their command, Captain Johnson.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. Jacob J. Clute & Henry Davis.

He never received any written discharge from the service, & has no documentary evidence, but can produce the testimony of Christopher Ward and

James H. Peek who can testify to his services, and their depositions are hereunto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) Daniel McMichael

Subscribed & Sworn the day & year first aforesaid. Geo: D. Ferguson, Clerk.