

Pension Application for Nathan Delano

S.15093

State of New York

Steuben County SS.

On this sixteenth day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court in the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Steuben now sitting Nathan Delano a resident of the town of Howard in the said County of Steuben and State of New York aged sixty eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That about the first day of October in the year 1780 at New Lebanon then in the County of Albany where he then resided he entered a company of the militia of the State of New York as a substitute for some person whose name he does not now recollect.

That said company was commanded by Captain Gideon King of the Regiment commanded by a colonel Whiting whose Christian name he does not recollect. That from New Lebanon the company to which he belonged went up to what was then called Half Moon Point where the City of Troy now stands and from thence crossed the North River and went to Schenectady at which place he remained three or four days when it was reported that the Indians had attacked Schoharie, that they started with said company from Schenectady and marched one day's journey towards Scohaine [Schoharie?] when the report above mentioned was ascertained to be false and the said company returned to Schenectady and then went immediately by way of Albany back to New Lebanon aforesaid where he was discharged after having served about a half a month—That he did not receive a written discharge.

That in the month of March 1781 and according to the best of his recollection the forepart of that month he enlisted at New Lebanon [sic] in a company of state troops of the said State of New York for the term of three years.—That at the time of his said enlistment he was an apprentice and upon the application of his master he was discharged from said enlistment as he understood in pursuance of some law of the land.

That he continued a member of said company only about fifteen days and is unable to state the names of any of the officers of the said company for the reason that the recruiting party with which he enlisted did not muster with the company until after he was discharged—that the name of the Serjeant [Sergeant] commanding said recruiting party was Bostwick.

That subsequently and about the first day of April 1781 having obtained the consent of his master he enlisted at New Lebanon aforesaid for the term of nine months in a company commanded by a Captain Gray whose Christian name he does not recollect of the regiment commanded by Col. Marinus Willett—that he went from New Lebanon to Albany where he remained about three weeks and from thence

marched to Schoharie at which place about the middle of June three companies were consolidated into two companies by which arrangement he was attached to a company commanded by Capt James Cannon.

That he remained at Scharrie [Schoharie] until sometime in the month of September of the same year when he marched with the last mentioned company to what was then called Fort Plain where he was engaged some time in guarding the Fort and adjacent country and erecting buildings for winter quarters, that some time in the same fall he marched from Fort Plain to Johnstown Montgomery then Tryon County and from thence to German Flatts at Fort Herkimer and while the said Regiment was at at [sic] that place he was engaged with a detachment sent out for the purpose pressing horses to carry provision and stores for the supply of the forces that were to march against Oswego –

That he went with the forces under Col. Willett to Oswego and on their arrival in sight of that place the expedition was from some cause to him unknown abandoned and they returned to Fort Herkimer—That this was in the winter of 1781-2 and the snow was so deep that the [?] of the army wore snow shoes.

That while he lay at Johnstown his said term of nine months expired and he again enlisted at that place for the term of three years and continued in the said service in same company without interruption. That after their return from Oswego the company to which he belonged lay at Fort Herkimer until the fall of year 1782 and during that time were guarding the fort and cutting out a road and repairing bridges on the road from that place to Fort Stanwix now Rome in the County of Oneida.

That in the fall of the year 1782 they left Herkimer and retired to Schenectady to Winter Quarters where the applicant remained until about the middle of January 1783 when he was discharged at that place by a written discharge signed by Capt Cannon according to the best of his recollection. That he has lost the said discharge several years since.

That he was born in the town of Lanesborough in the State of Massachusetts on the 16 November 1764—He has no record of his age and knows the same only from his recollection of the information given to him by his parents.

That he lived after the war a short time at New Labanon aforesaid, then removed to Scoharrie Kill, then Albany now Scoharrie County several years and he thinks about twenty years—then to Harpersfield Delaware County about four years, then to Chemung, Tioga County where he lived until 1812—then to Dansville Steuben county where he lived about a year—then to Dansville Steuben County where he lived about a year—then to Sparta Livingston County about four years and from thence Howard Steuben county where he now resides and has resided since the time of his first removal to that place.

That the annexed affidavits are all the evidence he has been able to procure. That he thinks the deponent [?] is mistaken one year as to the time of his discharge from the service.

That in his present neighborhood he is known to Jonathan Robinson, Genl Daniel N. Bennett, Elisha Hawks, William Loff Esqr, Col. Simeon Bason, Hubbard Wrathbun.

And others also can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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) Nathan Delano

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. M.S. Rumsey [?] Clk Steuben County