

### **Pension Application for Nathaniel Delavan**

(Captain-15 days, and Major-9 mos. and 12 days)

W.17396 (Nancy Nelson, former widow) Nathaniel's first wife died in 1782, married Nancy Thompson (Widow), from Connecticut, April 1784. Nathaniel died August 9, 1798 at Franklin, Dutchess County (later Patterson, Putnam County), New York. Thomas Nelson died at Poughkeepsie November 1823 or 1824. He married Mary in 1803 or 1804. Mary died April 22, 1849. Mary got a handsome pension, \$355 a year. Most widows got about \$45.00 a year. The affidavits were mostly trying to prove relationship and marriages, and finally the children of the soldier.

Letter in folder dated May 6, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.17396, that Nathaniel Delavan served at different times from 1776 to 1781, as Captain and Major in Colonels Thomas', Gilbert Drake's and Thaddeus Crane's New York Regiments.

The soldier's first wife, her name and the date of their marriage not shown, died in February 1782, and in April 1784, he married at the home of Samuel Delavan in North Salem, Westchester County, New York, Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Connecticut. There are no particulars in regard to her first husband.

Nathaniel Delavan died August 9, 1798, at Franklin, Dutchess County (later Patterson, Putnam County) New York, and was buried in the churchyard at said Patterson. He was fifty-two years of age at the time of his death.

His widow married in winter of 1803 or 1804, Thomas Nelson, of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York. He died in November 1823 or 1824, in Poughkeepsie, New York.

She died April 22, 1849.

The following children survived her: Deborah Benedict, who died July 27, 1851; Sarah Stebbins; Laura Young; and Cordelia Nelson, who was the youngest child and who married Richard Nelson, and resided in New York City, in 1842. A grandson, E. M. Young, of New York City is referred to in 1845.

In 1842, Daniel Delavan, then aged sixty-one years, and a resident of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York, stated that he was the youngest and only surviving child of the soldier Nathaniel Delavan and his first wife, but did not give his mother's name, or the names of any other children of this marriage.