

Pension Application for Nathan Firman or Turman

R.3855 (Widow: Jemima) Nathan died December 31, 1834. Jemima, died November 12, 1849.

Family Record :

Nathan Firman born March 6th 1754.

Jemima Firman born March 9th 1763.

Married November 27, 1780.

John Firman born May 28, 1782.

Ezekiel Firman born March 17, 1784, died in July following.

Josiah Firman born July 2, 1785.

Abigail firman born June 15, 1787.

Samuel Firman born May 20, 1789.

Knieval Firman born July the 7th 1791. Died August 17 following.

Nathan Firman born September 20, 1792.

Sally Firman born Sept. 2, 1795.

Robert Firman born November 28, 1797.

Susan Firman born April 13, 1802.

Edwin S. Colwell born June 29, 1849. [This clearly reads 1849.]

State of New York

County of Orange.

On the fourth day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Nathan Furman a resident of the Town of Warwick in the County of Orange and State of New York aged seventy eight years last March who being 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 7, 1832.

That he was born in the Township of New-Town in the County of Greens [Greene] in the State of New York.

That when Sir Wm. How's [Howe] Fleet and Army arrived at the Narrows and took possession of Staten Island there was a call for every fourth man to arm and take the field. That he then volunteered as Sargent under the command of Capt. Benjamin Coe in Col. Smith's regiment he thinks in the month of June or early in July 1776.

That he served under the above named officers until after the Battle of Flatbush on the Island was in a part of that battle and retreated from Long Island under Gen. Washington he thinks in September and on the twenty sixth day of December following was taken a prisoner by the British at Hopewell New Jersey and conveyed to New York and put in the New Jail under the charge of the tyrant Cap. Cunningham and was removed from the jail to the Sugarhouse from which place he made his escape the last of February and after being secreted by a Friend in the City a while went to his Father's house at NewTown and stayed with him during the War. He was informed that he was reported dead at the Sugarhouse and was never retaken.

Resided with his Father who was an aged man at his request but never took a protection from the British nor swore allegiance to their king.

That he continued to reside at NewTown until the year 1796 at which time he removed to Warwick in Orange County where he now resides.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services and does not know of a single officer under which he served now living no a living near that was in his company.

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 any agency in any state, nor ever has been—was born in the year 1754—has a record of his age at home—has no discharge—Served S. Several years, wood reside in his neighborhood who can testify to his veracity & their belief of his revolutionary services. (Signed)
Nathan Firman

Subscribed & sworn the 4th day of September 1832. Asa Dunning, Clerk