

Pension Application for Nathan Franklin

W.8207

State of New York

Oswego County SS

On this 24th day of Sept. 1832 personally appeared in Open court before the undersigned Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Oswego, now sitting Nathan Franklin, a resident of the Town of Parish in the said County of Oswego, aged 69 years, 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 7, 1832.

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

In the month of August 1777 I enlisted at Pittstown N.Y. as a soldier for 9 months in the company of Capt. Joseph Gifford in Col. Devoes Regt of Continental troops—John Gifford was my Lieut & Shepard (given name not recollected) my ensign—I joined my company at Stillwater & soon marched to Bennington, VT. Returned soon after the battle of Stillwater, where I remained until after the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne's Army in Oct. and then went to Fort Edward, and staid there until my term of service had expired, when I received a discharge I think from Col. Devoe, which discharge was burnt together with my house and most of my furniture about 21 years ago at Onondaga N. York.

Soon after my discharge I think in the month of May 1778 I again enlisted at Troy N.Y. for 11 months, in the company of Capt. Defrees (given name not recollected) in Col. Van Renssalaer's Regt of the New York line—I joined my company at Greenbush & soon after marched to Fort Edward & from thence to Fort Miller where we tarried a short time and returned to Fort Edward—from thence we went to Skeensboro when we went into winter quarters and remained till about the 1st of March, when we were ordered to Stillwater, where I received my discharge at the expiration of my eleven months service, which discharge was also burnt with my house at Onondaga.

In the spring of 1780 (month not recollected) at a place called 9 Partners in Duchess [Dutchess] Col. N.Y. I again volunteered in the company of Capt. John A. Smith to go with Col. Rufuys Herrick of the New York Militia to Fort Edward to which of the New York militia to Fort Edward to which place we soon marched and staid there & at Fort Miller & Stillwater until about the first of Jany 1781 we returned home to 9 Partners.

In the spring following I went again under the same officers to Stillwater & remained there and at Fort Edward through the season & returned home to Nine Partners late in the fall—cannot tell what month—think I was absent 8 months at least.

I know of no person living who can testify as to my services, except Jacob Fellows, whose affidavit, in relation to part of my services is here unto annexed.

I was born in the year 1763 (as appeared by a record in my Father's bible) at a place called "Quaker Hill" what country I cannot tell—I have no record of my age to my knowledge except that contained in my Father's Bible which I have not seen for several years & know not where it now is—

I have lived since the Revolutionary War in the following places viz: Schoharie, Johnstown, Pompey, Onondaga, & Lysander, and removed from the latter place to the Town of Parish about 6 years ago where I now reside.

I am acquainted with many people in my neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and a belief in my services, among whom is the Revd Wm. Nutting & Luny Thayer whose certificates are hereunto annexed.

I have never rec'd a pension and I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Nathan Franklin

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. D. McPerson, Dep. Clk

Letter in folder dated February 23, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Nathan Franklin of Orange County, New York.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, W.8207, based upon the service of Nathan Franklin in the Revolutionary War. This is the record of the only Nathan Franklin on file in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

Nathan Franklin enlisted at Pittstown, New York, sometime in August 1777, served nine months as a private in Captain Joseph Gifford's company, Colonel Devoe's New York regiment, was in the battle of Bennington, and in Stillwater at the time of the surrender of Burgoyne. He enlisted at Troy, New York, sometime in May 1778, served eleven months as private in Captain Defrees' company, Colonel VanRensselaer's New York Regiment. He enlisted at Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York, in the spring of 1780, served seven months as private in Captain A. Smith's company, Colonel Rufus Herrick's New York regiment, and served from the spring of 1781, eight months in same company and regiment.

After the Revolution, he lived in Schoharie, Johnstown, Pompey, Onondaga, and Lysander.

The soldier, Nathan Franklin, was allowed pension on his application executed, September 24, 1832, when living in Parish, Oswego County, New York where he had lived about six years. He died June 21, 1854 in West Monroe, Oswego County, New York.

Nathan Franklin married April 28, 1818, at his home in Camillus, Onondaga County, New York, sally, widow of William Sterrit, Staritt of Storit. Her maiden name was not given.

The widow, Sally Franklin, was allowed pension on account of the service of her husband, Nathan Franklin, on her application executed, August 23, 1854, at which time she was living in West Monroe, New York and gave her age seventy-two years.

She was living in 1855 in Parish, New York and gave her age seventy-five years. Her children were referred to in 1855, no names designated.

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One "Miller a Baptist Preacher" was an uncle of the soldier, Nathan Franklin. There are no further data as to family.