

Pension Application for Nathan Staples or Steeples

W.13937 (Widow: Ruth)

I Nathan Staples of Gloucester in the County of Providence & State of Rhode Island on solemn do declare and say that in the month of April 1775 I enlisted as a private soldier, Capt. John Nicholson's company (1) & Col. Paulding's (2) regiment in the continental army of the United States in the New York line. In which service I continued nine months, afterwards in the month of May 1776 I enlisted as a private soldier in Capt. William Forkinder's (3) company in Colo. Hortenback's (4) regiment in the same army and line, in which service I continued ten months—afterwards in 1777—I enlisted in the same capacity in Capt. James Humphrey's (5) company & Colo James McClautherly's regiment & in the same army & line in which service I continued nine months—being the time for which I enlisted, afterwards in the month of May 1778—I enlisted in the same capacity in Capt. William Walker's (6) company & Col. Peter Renur's (7) regiment in the service in army & line in which service I continued one year then next following being the time for which I enlisted. Afterwards I enlisted in the same capacity in Capt. Henry Brewster's (8) company & in the same regiment last mentioned, in army & line in which service I continued [?] months—I further declare that I was regular discharged after all the times of my enlistment but my discharges are now lost—I further declare that I am now in reduced circumstances & stand in need of the assistance of my country for support. (Signed) Natham Staples. Rhode Island District.

Be it remember that on this seventh day of April 1818 came before me the Nathan Staples and made solemn oath to the truth of the declaration by him above subscribed in witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & have caused the seal of the District Court to be hereto affixed. David Howell, District Judge.

Letter dated November 10, 1927 in response for information.

In response to your request of the ninth instant, I have the honor to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.13937, it appears that Nathan Staples was born in Smithfield, Providence County, Rhode Island, date not stated.

While residing at New Windsor, Orange County, New York, he enlisted and served as a private with the New York Troops, as follows—

From April 1775, nine months in Captain John Nicholson's Company, Colonel Paulding's Regiment; from May 1776 about ten months in Captain Faulkner's Company; in 1777 about nine months in Captains William Tellford's (9) and James Humphrey's Companies, Colonel McClaughrey's Regiment; from in May 1778, one year in Captain Walker's Company, Colonel Pierre Regnier's Reg. from in May 1779, five months in Captain William Tellford's Company; and in 1782 five months in Captain Henry Brewster's Company, Colonel Weissenfiel's Regiment. It is stated that he was in several battles, one in which he was wounded, no names of battles given.

He died in March 1820 at Gloucester, Providence County, Rhode Island.

He married in February 1780 at Smithfield, Rhode Island, Ruth, daughter of Nathaniel Horton. She was born in Scituate, Rhode Island, but at the time of her marriage was living at said Smithfield. The date of her birth not given.

She was allowed pension on her application executed March 28, 1838, while a resident of Scituate, Rhode Island, aged seventy-eight years.

They had eight children, Mary the oldest, who died when she was twelve years of age is the only name stated.

End Notes—W.13937—Nathan Staples

1. Nathan is listed as Steeples in Captain John Nicholson's company Muster Roll in Colonel James Clinton's Third New York Continental Regiment, Nathan is listed on the Muster Roll dated "*Camp at Ticonderoga 28th September 1775*" as enlisting on July 5th as a private. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 69, folder 38, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Nathan maybe is referring to colonel Levi Pawling of the Third Regiment of Ulster County Militia but Colonel Pawling was not part of this regiment.
3. Captain William Faulkner of the Fifth Company in Colonel James McClaughrey's Second Regiment of Ulster County Militia.
4. Lieutenant Colonel Jacob Hornbeck of Colonel Pawling's Regiment.
5. James Umphrey or Humphrey, was the Captain of the Eighth Company (New Windsor Company) in Colonel McClaughrey's Regiment.
6. Nathan is listed as Staples in Captain Benjamin Walker's (Sixth company) in colonel Henry B. Livingston's Fourth New York continental Regiment on May 5, 1778 as a private and he was discharged on February 5, 1779. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1780, Series M-246 Roll 71, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
7. Pierre Regnier de Roussi was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel on November 21, 1776 in the Fourth New York Continental Regiment. Transferred to the Second New York Continental Regiment on June 28, 1779.

8. Captain Henry Brewster in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Frederick Weissenfels' Regiment of New York State Levies in 1782.
9. Captain William Telford or Tilford in Colonel McClaughrey's Regiment.