

Pension Application for Nathan Allen

S.30245

Application of Nathan Allen to the U.S. war Department for a Pension under the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832 for Revolutionary Services.

State of Massachusetts

County of Norfolk SS.

On this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Thirty five, personally [personally] appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel S. Wild, Judge of the supreme Judicial Court now sitting at Dedham in and for said County of Norfolk, Nathan Allen a resident of Medfield in said County aged eighty one years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of congress passed on the seventh day of June A.D. 1832.

I Nathan Allen of Medfield in the County of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts declare, that according to my family Records, I was born in said Town of Medfield, on the first day of June in the year 1753, and was eighty one years of age on the first day of June 1834. And since my remembrance, I have never had any home or legal settlement, but within the same town of Medfield where I now reside.

When the alarm of hostilities arrived from Lexington, on the nineteenth of April 1775, I immediately turned out as a Soldier, from Medfield and marched in the Company of Infantry commanded by Capt. Ephraim Chennery of said Medfield to Cambridge near Boston, at Cambridge and its vicinity. I performed soldiers duty according to my best recollection for a term of two weeks, was then discharged and returned home to Medfield.

Again in the same year, think in the latter part of November 1775, the day of the month I can not determine, I turned out as a soldier and marched with others in a company commanded by the same Capt Ephraim Chennery to Roxbury near Boston, our company was stationed at a building near the mills on mill Brook a little south of the Brindley place in the lower part of Roxbury, at this stationed and its vicinity I preformed soldiers duty for the term of two months, and was then honorably discharged and returned home to Medfield while in this service; I recollect frequently seeing William Heath about our quarters, the same man who was afterwards a General in the Continental Army.

Again about the first of December 1776 I turned as a soldier and entered the Company of Infantry commanded by Capt Sabin Mann of said Medfield & Major James Metcalf of [Krenthorn?] acted as Colonel and marched in this company from Medfield [?] of Attleborough and [?] to a place at or near little Compton in the State of Rhode Island, where I performed soldiers duty for a term of two weeks was then dismissed and returned to Medfield, before this term of service had expired at Rhode Island, I enlisted into Capt Sabin Mann's company & I believe the same Colonel for service of three months towards New York, but first returned to Medfield with several other soldiers to equip and fit out themselves for the three months tour Continental Service among the soldiers who returned with me to Medfield were Jabez Fuller & Seth Wright

which I remember and agreeable to Stephenton with said Capt Sabin Mann; I with the soldiers generally assembled with our Captain at Providence in the State of Rhode Island the latter part of the same month December 1776, thence marched with said Mann's Company to Warrick on Norryganscott bay in the state of Rhode Island and there and in its vicinity remained in service I think about three weeks—then said company and Regiment marched [paper torn and missing] went along some part of Long Island [blot] State of Connecticut, crossed Connecticut River, To some place between Saybrook and New London, thence to the Hudson River and crossed the Hudson River at a place called Fishkill in the State of New York, thence from Fishkill to some place at or in the neighborhood of Brunswick in the State of New Jersey, where our Regiment was stationed. I recollect that Benjamin Jay was my Lieutenant and Joseph Plinton orderly Sergeant in this tour of services & I perfectly recollect seeing General Washington and sick at or near our quarters during my stay in New Jersey. In this tour of service I performed soldiers duty for a term of three months; and I was honorably discharged at New Jersey, when my term expired and returned home to Medfield a distance of two hundred and fifty miles where I served the latter part of March or early in April 1777.

Again about the first of September in the year 1780 there was a sudden call for men to go to Rhode Island, I turned out as a soldier and joined a company of Infantry commanded by Capt Adam Peters, Lieut Joseph Moore, Elley Seth Rutland acting as Colonel, marched from said Medfield in said company by way Taunton to Tiverton in the State of Rhode Island, a distance of more than fifty miles and soon after my arrival at the place of Destination, was discharged and returned home to Medfield in this tour of service I performed soldiers duty one week.

Thus it will be seen, that my claim is for seven months and three weeks services, rendered the Continent during its Revolutionary Struggle.

And I would here state that after much inquiry I have not been able to find a single soldier or officer among the living who served with me in my three months service under Capt Sabin Dann at New Jersey to testify in my behalf, nor have I been able to find among my papers any written discharge from service; whatever discharge from service; whatever discharge I once had, are lost & cannot now be produced—and I have no documentary evidence to offer in support of my claim other than herewith transmitted.

And it seems proper also to state, that my Father's name was Noah Allen, that at the commencement of the revolutionary war, there was an elderly man (I should think of sixty years of age, then living in said Medfield by the name of Nathan Allen and what others in the years 1776 or 1777, I removed from Medfield to the Town of Roxbury of Walpole & did not return again [blot] Medfield, that this is the reason that my name was sometimes inserted on the company Roll Nathan Allen [blot] other times only Nathan Allen, and I am positive, that no other Nathan Allen served it the same time, in either of the companies & terms of service aforesaid but myself. (Signed) Nathan Allen.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. James Ware, Clerk

Letter in folder dated August 28, 1920, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.30245, that Nathan Allen, son of Noah Allen, was born June 1, 1753, in Medfield Norfolk County, Massachusetts.

While residing with his father in Medfield, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, he enlisted and served as private in the Massachusetts troops as follows: from April 19, 1775, two weeks in Captain Ephraim Chanery's Company, Colonel John Smith's Regiment, from the last of November or first of December 1775, two months in Captain Ephraim Chanery's company, Colonel Joseph Road's Regiment, and the spring of 1776, two weeks guarding an army baggage wagon, from December 8, 1776, to December 23, 1776, in Captain Sabin Mann's Company under Major James Metcalf, from later on December 1776, three months in Captain Sabin Mann's Company, Colonel Solomon Lovell's Regiment, from September 25, 1777, to October 28, 1777, in Captain Ezekiel Plimpton's Company, Colonel Benjamin Nare's Regiment, and from about September 1, 1780, one week in Captain Adam Peter's Company, Colonel Seth Bullard's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 20, 1835, while a resident of Medfield, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, where he had always lived.

In 1835, it was stated by one Jonathan Smith, a native of Medfield, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, then aged eighty-five years, that Nathan Allen married his sister about the close of the war; the name and date are not stated and there is no further reference to a wife or family.

Soldier stated that another Nathan Allen, a resident of Medfield about sixty years of age at the beginning of the Revolution, had served from there it [too blurred to read].