

Pension Application for Nathaniel Babcock

S.2367

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.
The State of Ohio
Franklin County SS

On this 29th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Franklin and state aforesaid now sitting Nathaniel Babcock a resident in Washington Township in said County and State of Ohio, aged sixty seven 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.

Enlisted as a minute man for one year at Coventry Windham County Connecticut in April 1778 under Capt Squire Hills-Col. McClaren-1st Leu. John Frink-2d Leu Ezra Root, Ensign Hezekiah Parker. Called out into actual service in June 1778—marched to White Plains where stationed about three weeks—from thence with Col. McLellan's and Enos' regiment of minute men to West Point where he was stationed until discharged in September 1778. At White Plains was acquainted with some of Col. Webbs, Col Meigs and Col. Sherburne. Col. Malcom commanded at West Point when declarant was there.

In October 1778 was again called out and went from Coventry Windham County Court and was marched to New London, where he was stationed three months when he was discharged and served no more for the years enlistment not being again called out. Is not certain of the pay—things it was 8 \$ per month during service and half pay when not in service.

In March 1779 went into service in the Connecticut militia for one month as a substitute for Samuel Rose Stationed at Fort Grosbold at Groton Connecticut under Col. Stoel of Mansfield and Capt Lincoln—Don't recollect pay.

In November 1779 he removed to (now) Middlefield in Hampshire County Massachusetts and in May 1780 his brother Rololphus Babcock was drafted for 3 months in Massachusetts militia and declarant went as his substitute under Col. John Brown—Capt (Levi?) Eley and marched from thence through Great Barrington Canterhook, Albany, Schenectady, Canajohaire, Fort Stanwix and was stationed about eight weeks at Fort Windecker, Canajoharie. Afterwards joined the main Company under Capt Ely about four miles from Ft Windecker and from thence joined the regiment under Col. Brown at Stone Robby where he continued till discharged. Col. Clock was commandant at Stone Robby which was burnt as they went. Genl VanRansellar of Green Bush was in pursuit of the enemy.

An express purporting to be from Genl Van Rsn's came required Col. Clock to send Col Brown to flank the enemy. Col Brown declined going saying the express came as he believed from the enemy. Col. Clock ordered him to go and called him a coward. Brown obeyed and went. Declarant was with him. Rangers had been out and skirmished with the enemy and they piloted Col. Brown. We met the enemys advanced

guard who let us up to the center of the British force where there were two brass field pieces (subsequently taken). Two men were shot by side of declarant and saw Col. Brown fall—this was first fire of British from behind a log fence—We retreated to the Fort—the enemy nearly flanked us and our men were scattered. The express was a false one—pay 40 Shillings a month not a cent of which was paid.

In 1798 declarant removed from Middlefield Massachusetts to Bradford (then) Luzerne Co. Pennsylvania and on 19th Sept 1814 removed to Ohio and has resided in Ohio ever since and in Franklin County during the last nine years.

Declarant has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and yea aforesaid. Nathaniel Babcock.

Letter in folder dated December 27, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Nathaniel Babcock, a Revolutionary War soldier, of Connecticut, and a pensioner.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.2367, based upon the military service of Nathaniel Babcock in that war.

Nathaniel Babcock was born March 26, 1765, at Coventry, Connecticut. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing at said Coventry, Nathaniel Babcock enlisted in June, 1778, served as a private in captain Squire Hill's Company, Colonel McLellan's Connecticut Regiment and was discharged in September, 1778, he enlisted again in October, 1778, served three months under the same officers and was stationed at New London: in November, 1779, he moved to Middlefield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, enlisted there the following May as a substitute for his brother, Rololphus Babcock, served as a private in Captain Levi Ely's Company, Colonel John Brown's Massachusetts Regiment, went to stone Arabia, was there when that place was attacked and burned and was in a small engagement when Colonel Brown was killed.

In 1798, he moved from Middlefield, Massachusetts, to Bradford, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and September 19, 1814, moved to the state of Ohio.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 29, 1832, while a resident of Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio, were he had then resided for nine years.

It is not stated that Nathaniel Babcock was ever married.