

Pension Application for Nathan Baxter

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State of New York

Niagara County SS

On this sixth day of May Eighteen hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open; court before Nathan Dayton, David Van Horne & Franklin Butterford Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Nathan Baxter a resident of Lewiston in the County of Niagara and State of New York aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

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

That he first entered the service as a volunteer the fore part of September in the year 1779 the day he cannot specify in Captain Asa Barne's company of Massachusetts Militia, the Lieutenant of the Company was one Luce his first name this deponent does not now remember, he enlisted for the term of three months, that at this time he resided in the town of New Ashford County of Berkshire, and state of Massachusetts that immediately after he enlisted he marched to Albany in the State of New York when he remained until he was discharged, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service under this enlistment but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period of two and a half months as a private soldier.

That during this time he did not become acquainted with any officers of the regular Army nor did he serve with any Continental regiments or companies, nor was he engaged in any battle—

That he never received any documentary evidence of this service.

That he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the spring of the year 1780 as a private soldier in general Patterson's Brigade Col Tupper's regiment of the Massachusetts line of the Continental Army. The time when he enlisted he cannot specify with precision; that he has forgotten the name of the Captains and other officers of his company, that at the time of his enlistment he resided in the town of New Ashford County of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts that immediately after he enlisted he marched to Lenox in the State of Massachusetts, and from there immediately to West Point in the State of New York. That when he arrived at West Point that port was under the command of Genl Arnold when there were several other regiments of the Continental Army, that after remaining at West Point about one months, his regiment together with the principal part of the forces at West Point crossed the Hudson River & proceeded with all convenient speed to Paramus in the State of New Jersey. The New Jersey the army remained, and this deponent with it during the summer of 1780, that in the fall the Army returned to West Point, under the immediate command of General Washington that he remained at West Point until the first day of January 1781 when he was discharged. That this enlistment was for six months which time he fully served and received a written discharge, which was destroyed by him about six years after he

received it when his swelling house was also consumed; that during this enlistment he was not engaged in any battle. That he has no documentary evidence of this service.

And in answer to the direct interrogatories put to him by the Court the said Nathan Baxter says; that he was born at the town of New Fairfield in the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut in the year 1762 the eleventh day of February.

That he has no record of his age, that when called into service he was living in New Ashford County of Berkshire and state of Massachusetts, that after the revolution he has resided about ten years in New Ashford aforesaid where he removed to the town of Georgia County of Franklin and State of Vermont, that he then removed to Varnne in Lower Canada where he resided for about two years; that he then removed to Chateaugay in Lower Canada where he resided about six years; he then removed to Elizabeth town Upper Canada where he lived until written about eight years that he then removed to Watertown in the County of Jefferson and State of New York where he resided until about five years since when he removed to Lewiston in the County of Niagara where he now resides.

That he was called into service as a volunteer—That he cannot state more particularly than as in his above declaration contained the names of the officers under and with whom he served, nor the continental or militia regiments with whom he served. That he received a written discharge from the service in the Continental Army signed as he believes by Col Tupper, what it was destroyed by fire; That he is well known to Mathius Alim, & well known to Joseph Sutherland and Chapman Hawley, person who reside in his present neighborhood; and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever 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. (Signed) Nathan Baxter.