

### **Pension Application for Nathaniel Beaman**

W.17273 (Widow: Thankful) He died May 17, 1817.

State of Vermont

District of Orleans SS.

Probate Office Irasburgh

On this 23d day of October AD 1837 Personally appeared before the Probate Court within and for the District of Orleans aforesaid Thankful Beman a resident of Newport, in the County of Sherbrook & Province of Lower Canada aged Eighty five years who being first duely [duly] sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of Nathaniel Beaman who served in the Army of the Revolution as follows—viz.

In June or July of 1776 he enlisted as a Sergent I think but am not positive whether a Sargent or Private for six months in the company commanded by Capt Samuel Sawyer of Terling Massachusetts, he went to the State of New York and served at White Plains and other places in that State until Dec'r or January following.

On the 27 March 1778 a company was formed under Colonel Abijah Sterns, Commanded by Capt. John White & Joshua Martin first Lieut in which my late Husband was second Lieutenant and served as 2d Lieut at Castle Island the company in which he served was enlisted for three months from the 2d day of April 1778 the company was mustered on the 23d day of May 1778 as appears by a Muster Rool [roll] which I know to be my Husbands hand writing and is herewith sent. My husband remained at Castle Island until the expiration of his team of service. I was married to the said Nathaniel Reaman on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1770 we were married at Leomunster Massachusetts by the Revd Mr. Gardner Minister of the Gospel, Rutland and State of Vermont, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1817 aged 69 years—since which time I have remained a widow.

In addition to the times and places which I more fully remember of my husbands services in the Revolution. I know of his having been a captain and was out in the service as a Captain but from the long time that has elapsed and my age I am not able to state where he served at different times or how long as he was frequently gone on service for longer or shorter periods—until the war closed all which will more fully appear by reference to proof anexed [annexed]. (Signed) Thankfull Beaman

Sworn and Subscribed this 23d day of October. Joseph Wiggins, Judge.

Letter in folder dated October 16, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.17273 it appears that Nathaniel Beaman while a resident of Lancaster, Worcester County, Massachusetts enlisted in July 1776 and served five months as a private in captain Samuel Sawyer's Company, Colonel Smith's Massachusetts Regiment.

He was commissioned July 1, 1781 Captain of the First Company of Colonel Josiah Whitney's Second Regiment, Worcester County, Massachusetts Militia and served three months.

He was commissioned July 1, 1781 Captain of the First Company of Colonel Josiah Whitney's Second Regiment of Worcester County, Massachusetts Militia, and served to the close of the Revolution. He died May 17, 1817 in Rutland County, Vermont aged sixty-nine years.

Soldier married April 10, 1770 in Leominster, Massachusetts, Thankful Farnsworth (he then of Lancaster and she of said Leominster). She was allowed pension on her application executed October 23, 1837 while a resident of Newport, Sherbrook County, Lower Canada, aged eighty-five years.

Soldier's son Nathaniel was aged fifty-seven in 1837 and a resident of Newport, Lower Canada.