

### Pension Application for Nathan Betts

R.807

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1834 personally appeared in open court before Daniel Mosely and Daniel Gilbert the seventh circuit of the State of New York, Nathan Betts a resident of the Town of Lysander in said County aged 81 years last past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That at the commencement of the Revolutionary war in 1775 applicant resided in the Town of Salem in the County of Westchester in said state.

That about the year 1777 and he believes in that year but the particular time he cannot recollect. He enlisted into a volunteer company commanded by one Ebeneser Slasson Captain & one Henry Slasson Lieutenant and served in a Regiment commanded by Samuel Drake Colonel, for the term of one year according to his best recollection and belief. That applicant wa in active service, the most of said time in said County of Westchester, guarding the lives and watching the Tories, that he was in a battle to Ridgefield against the British in the spring of the year 1777 at the time the British burnt Danbury in Connecticut and that his said services during said year were performed as a Sergeant in said company which were regularly organized and [?] as he fully believes.

Applicant further saith that he was after the expiration of said time and until the close of said war. A great proportion of the time engaged as a minute men and in actual service in said county but the particular times or length of the times or time of performing he cannot recollect with sufficient certainty to state and for which last mentioned time he does not claim any [?]

1. That he was born in the year 1753.
2. That he has a record of his age at home.
3. When he first entered the service he was living in Salem Westchester County NY. That he has since SS resided in Troy and now in Lysander in said State.
4. When called into the service he volunteered.
5. That he know Gen. VanCortland an officer in the Regular Army.
6. That he never received any written discharge from his said services.
7. That he is known to John Slasson a farmer and Elder Judah Wright a clergyman who resides in his neighborhood who can testify for him.

Letter in folder dated October 25, 1924, written in reply to an inquiry.

I have to advise you, that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.807, it appears that Nathan Betts was born in 1753, place not stated and lived in Salem, Westchester County, New York during the Revolution.

While living at Lysander, Onondaga County, New York, he applied for pension October 11, 1823, and alleged that he enlisted in 1777 and served at various times during that year, when called out, as a sergeant, in Captain Ebenezer Slasson's Company, Colonel Samuel Drake's New York Regiment, guarding the lines in Westchester County, and he was at a battle in Ridgefield.

His claim was not allowed, as he failed to furnish proof of six months military service in the field, as required by the pension laws.

There is no data on file as to his family.