

Pension Application for Nathan Brewster or Bruster

W.5230 (Widow: Hannah) Married July 31, 1797. Nathan died March 21, 1842.

W.L.Wt.29,035-160-55

The State of Ohio

Columbiana County SS.

Court of Common Pleas October Term 1832

On this 16th day of October, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas now sitting Nathan Brewster a resident of the township of Augusta in said county of Columbiana and state of Ohio aged seventy three years since last December 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated to wit:

In July 1776 under Capt. John Nicholas in the regiment commanded by Lieut. Col. James M'Laughery that at the times of entering said service he resided at New Windsor then Ulster but now Orange County New York. The company to which he belonged was called out en masse. They were marched to Fort Constitution and from thence to Fort Montgomery both on the Hudson River. The company was not discharged but the members were permitted to return home in about 10 days as it were on furlough with the understanding that they were to be ready at a moment's warning in the event of a call which was daily expected.

Some time in November of the same year they with the whole brigade under command of Genl Clinton (afterwards Governor) were called out and marched to Ramapo (not certain as to the spelling) in New Jersey and there hearing of the defeat of the British at near Trenton we were marched to a place called Peramus (not certain as to spelling) from whence we were again permitted to return home without any discharge about the middle of January 1777.

In March of this year he with the same company & regiment was called to put a chain across the Hudson River at Fort Montgomery where they were detained about a week and again permitted to return home.

About the 1st of April of the same year one third of the company including this applicant was draughted to garrison Fort Clinton & Montgomery where they were detained about four months to the first of August. While here he was under the command of Capt. James Humphrey. The detachment was commanded by Col. Levi Paulding and Lieut. Col. Levi Paulding and Lieut Col. Jas M'Laughery (not sure as to spelling). From this they were again permitted to return home but were not discharged.

About the last of August (he thinks) they were again called to Fort Montgomery in consequence of some movements of the British and were detained about a week.

Early in the year 1778 applicants was enrolled in a company commanded by Capt. Christian VanDuzen in New Cornwall Orange County in but was not called out till the day of the battle of Monmouth which he thinks was June or July he thinks the latter, when he was called to assist in building the forts at West Point called Fort Put. Col. Loscinko was principal engineer at that place & time, Col. Johon Haythorn commanded the detachment. They were detained at this place & time about two weeks when they were again permitted to return to their homes and applicant was not again called on till June 1779 when he was called only with the company en masse commanded by Capt. Vanduzen and marched to Haverstraw near Stony Point and were encamped on Capt. Hutchin's farm to watch the operation of the British at Stony Point. The detachment was commanded by Jesse Woodhull, Col. in the Brigade commanded by Genl Malcolm. They continued at this place about two weeks or more till after the arrival in the neighborhood of Wayne's Army when they were again permitted to return home.

Along the middle or latter part of October of the same year a detachment of 1/3 of the company including applicant was called to Fishkill Dutchess County and there mustered and detained about a

month when he was again permitted to return home. Applicant was here under the command of Capt. Vanduzen, does not recollect the name of the Col. of regiment to which he was here attached. They were however mustered by a man called Wikof who was styled Muster Master or Marshall.

In the summer of 1780 about the month of July applicant was again called to assist in the building the fortress no 3 at West Point, Majr Zachariah Dubois commanded. He further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He herby relinquishes 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.

Sworn to & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid. (Signed) Nathan Brewster
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