

Pension Application for Nathan Clark

S.12697

State of New York

WestChester County SS.

Town of Bedford

On this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord on thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of -----[blank] the Court of Common Pleas of the County of West Chester, Nathan Clark a resident of the Town of Bedford in the county of WestChester and State of New York aged seventy six years who being 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 country under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. On or about the month of September 1775, he entered the service in the Town of Bedford where then served under the command of captain Eli Seely for two weeks.

And in the month of February 1776 he enlisted into Capt. Hezekiah Gray's Company of Militia in the Town of Bedford where he then resided for a period of six weeks and in the regiment under the command of Col. Samuel Drake and served out said time on York Island and was discharged at Horn's hook on the Island.

In the month of July 1776 he enlisted in the company under the command of Capt. Elijah Hunter in the Town of Bedford for the period of six months and in the regiment under the command of Col. Samuel Drake and served out said time on York Island and was discharged at Horns hook on the Island.

In the month of July 1776 he enlisted in the company under the command of Capt. Elijah Hunter in the Town of Bedford for the period of six months and in the regiment under the command of Col. Thomas Thomas and was ordered and marched to Kings Bridge and served out some enlistment in building Fort Independence and keeping guard at Morrisena point and Kings Bridge and was discharged at Harrisons purchase.

In the month of January 1777 he was called into the service under Capt. Richard Sackett in the Town of Bedford for two weeks, in Col. Thomas Thomas' Regiment and served said time at Williams' Bridge on Bronx River under the command of Major General Heath on or about the first of April 1777. He was drafted for the period of two weeks and served out said draft at the White Plains.

On or about the first of May 1777, he enlisted as a substitute for Stephen Smith for the term of three months under Capt. Henry Slawson in the Town of Bedford and under the command of Col. James Hammond and served out said enlistment in WestChester County to guard the lines.

And on or about the month of August 1777 he enlisted for the term of six months under Capt. Zephaniah Mills in the Town of Bedford and served out said term of time in the Town of Bedford as a guard stationed in said Town in WestChester County.

And in the month of June 1778, he was drafted for the period of two weeks under Capt. Nathan Olmstead in the Town of Bedford and served out said time as a guard at Wright's Mills in the Town of North Castle.

And in the month of June 1779 he was drafted for two weeks in Capt Josiah Millers Company in the Town of Bedford and in Col. Thomas Thomas Regiment to guard the lines in North Castle.

And in July 1779 he served in Bedford and NorthCastle for two weeks under Capt Richard Sackett.

In in Sept 1779 he served in the Town of Scarsdale in WestChester County for two weeks under the command of Capt. Richard Sackett and in Col. Thomas Thomas Regiment.

And from the year 1779 to the end of the year he was frequently called out to guard the lines in WestChester County. Declarant resided in the Town of Bedford during all the time above stated.

He hereby relinquishes ever 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 Clark)

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. N. Bayles, Clk

The following interrogatories were propounded by the said court to the said Nathan Clark, to wit.

1st When and in what year was you born. Answer: I was born in Bedford West Chester County 19th December 1755.

2nd Have you any record of your age & if so where is it. Answer: I have no record of my age.

3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live. Answer: I have always from my birth to the present time lived in Bedford.

4th How was you entered into service, was you drafted. Did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom. Answer: I was drafted. I also served as a volunteer and as a substitute generally to the forts, set forth in my Declaration hereto attached to which I refer.

5th State the names of some of the Regular officers, who was with the troops where you served such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. He recollects General Clinton, General Heath. He who also recollects Colonel Thomas Thomas also Lieutenant Col. Hammond of the Militia service. He does not recollect any particular circumstances of his services except as stated in his declaration to which he refers.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service. Answer: I Did not receive a written discharge but was discharge by parol.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Answer I name James Raymond & Jonathan M. Hull of the Town of Bedford in WestChester County who are well acquainted with me & have been for thirty years past.