

## Pension Application for Nathan Cook

R.2271

State of New York

Tompkins County SS

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the county aforesaid (being a Court of Record) now sitting Nathan Cook a resident of the town of Dryden in the said County of Tompkins & State of New York of the age of seventy two years on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1834 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 Jun e7, 1832.

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

That he first enlisted as a Fifer in his said service in the town of Bridgehampton near Sagg Harbor, a seaport on Long Island in the county of Suffolk and State of New York where he then resided in the latter part of the month of May 1776 for the term of nine months in Capt. Zephaniah Rogers Company & in Col. Smiths Regiment of New York State Troops. He does not remember the Christian name of his Col. But in said Capt. Rogers Company one Edward topping was 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, a man by the name of Post was Ensign, Matthew Jagger was a Sergeant and a Mr. Post the brother of Ensign Post was a drummer in said Capt Rogers Company—

Immediately after his enlistment as aforesaid the said Regiment rendezvoused under said Col. Smith at Sagg Harbor on the N.E. corner of Long Island where said Regt. Were stationed for the purpose of guarding the Harbor for which purpose they built a small fort at that place.-

They remained there under their aforesaid officers engaged in such service till about the middle of August 1776 when the British under the command of Genl Howe landed on Long Island near Flatbush at which time the declarant together with the said Regt were ordered to repair to Brooklin [Brooklyn] opposite New York whence they marched speedily and there joined a man branch of the American Army under Genls Washington & Putnam.--

They remained at & in the immediate vicinity of Flat Bush for some time but the precise time he cannot state, during which they were present and engaged in a Battle at that place where Abraham Rogers a cousin of the declarant & in the same company was killed by a musket ball passing through his head and many others were killed & wounded in that engagement who belonged to the same Regiment with the Declarant—

They were in Fort Cobble Hill when it was attacked by the British—during their said service at and near Flat Bush they dug an entrenchment about one mile in length from fort Cobble Hill to another small fort the name of which the declarant cannot now recollect.

That soon after the engagement at Flat Bush as aforesaid the American Forces under the command of Genl Washington including the aforesaid Regiment with this declarant marched in the night time to New York—

On their retreat from Long Island as aforesaid the Island fell into the possession of the British—

After remaining at New York a short time the aforesaid Regiment under the command of said Col. Smith were ordered back on to Long Island to Sagg Harbor for the purpose of regaining some stores and ammunitions which had been left at that place on their aforesaid departure—

Accordingly said Regt including said Capt Rogers Company with this declarant marched from New York to HorsNeck in the State of Connecticut where they succeeded in procuring several small vessels by means of which they proceeded down the sound to Sagg Harbor and regained a great portion of the stores and ammunitions aforesaid and deposited them in the night time at Sabrook at the mouth of the Connecticut River—

From thence said Regiment marched to New Haven Conn about the first of Oct 1776 where they were quartered for the ensuing winter—

That in consequence of the decrease in the number of men attached to said Col. Smith Regiment many of whom were killed at the aforesaid engagement at Flat Bush and some died of an epidemic which prevailed among the Troops at that time and in consequence of said Col. Smith's having been taken Prisoner by the refugees on Long Island & surrendered to the British in New York where he was confined for about one year, the aforesaid regiment was consolidated with Col. Livingston's Regiment, from East Hampton also near Saggs Harbor and the Declarant remained in said service in the aforesaid company under Col. Livingston at New Haven during the winter of 1776 & 1777, but in the absence of said Capt Rogers, Lieutenant Edward Topping commanded the aforesaid company—

The aforesaid regiment with this declarant remained quartered in tents prepared for that purpose at New Haven until the last of February 1777 when his term of service had expired & this declarant with said Lieut Topping and others who had enlisted with this declarant received a written discharge and he returned home to his father in company with said Lieut Topping who on this declarant's insisting had promised the father of this declarant to accompany him home at the termination of their term of enlistment—

The declarant does not remember and therefore cannot state by whom his said discharge was signed but on his said return he delivered the discharge to his father & has not seen it since.

That after the return of this Declarant as aforesaid he went to Hanover in the County of Morris & State of New Jersey by the direction of his father and there volunteered to serve as a private in a company of New Jersey Militia under the command of Capt Isaac Halsey formerly from [Bridghampton?] on Long Island in Col. Sylvanus Seelys Regiment where he continued to serve as such private in the aforesaid company for the term of three weeks in the month of June 1778.

During the last aforesaid service this declarant was present and engaged with said corps at a battle at Springfield at which time Springfield was burned by the British. And during the service a clergyman & patriot by the name of Caldwell was shot by the British in the evening while sitting by his own fireside with his lay near Elizabethtown N.J. at which time this declarant was in the service aforesaid in the same neighborhood.

That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise day of his entering into or being discharged from the service under his enlistments as aforesaid—but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

For 9 months I served as a Fifer in Capt Rogers Company—

For 3 weeks I served as a private in Capt Halsey's Company

Making 9 months & 3 weeks.

That he knows of no person or persons whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his said service other than those whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

He hereby 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— (Signed) Nathan Cook

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. Saml Love, Clk

The following interrogatories were propounded by the court and the applicant made answer thereto as follows:--

Question—Where & in what year were you born?

Answer—At Bridghampton Long Island NY on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feby 1762.

Question—have you any record of your age; and if so where is it?

Answer—I have no record now, my father's family record was left with my oldest brother inb New Jersey.

Question—Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer—I was living at Bridghampton since that I lived and still live in Morris County N.J. [can't make out the rest except 39 years.]

Question—How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?

Answer—I volunteered.

Question—State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer—I enlisted first in Capt. Rogers company—under Col. Smith on Long Island. Saw Genl Washington, Genl Putnam, Genl Sullivan, Lord Sterling—was there when the British under Genl Howe landed on Long Island.

Question—Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer—I rec'd a written discharge and delivered it to my father on my return home and have not seen it since—I cannot say who signed the discharge.

Question==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—Jacob Pounrose, David George, Rev. Jonas Couger, Samuel Fox, Nicoll Halsey, Esq, Resolved L. Cowling, David Quigy. Samuel Love, Clke