

Pension Application for Nathan Cook

S.12542

State of New York

Seneca County SS.

On this sixth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting, Nathan Cook a resident of the Town of Fayette in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy six years, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: viz. That at the Town of Walkill in Orange County, New York, where he then resided, about the month of May in 1776 he enlisted in Captain William Jackson's Company in Colonel Henry B. Livingston's Regiment of New York State Troops for the term of one year, went to Constitution Island opposite West Point, remained there until about the month of November, then moved down the river to Fort Montgomery at said Fort Montgomery in said month of November, he enlisted out of the State Troops into Captain Israel Smith company in the Fourth New York Regiment in the Continental Line, under Colonel H. B. Livingston for the term of three years or during the war; they remained at Fort Montgomery during the winter, in the spring following was ordered to Peekskill, their Regiment was on duty from Peekskill to White Plains, Horseneck and in different parts of West County under the command of Colonel Livingston and General Clinton until about September when they moved up the North River to Albany and from thence to Saratoga and Stillwater, joined General Gates Army at Beemus Heights, was at the Battle of Saratoga [Saratoga] the 7th of October 1777, was in General Poors Brigade; after said battle their regiment returned to Albany and went from thence to Fishkill, then crossed the Hudson River and marched by way of the White Marsh Hill to Valley Forge and then went into winter quarters:

In 1778 he was in the Battle of Monmouth with the same Captain under Colonel Rinier, Col. Livingston having resigned, then crossed the Hudson River to Peekskill, White Plains, Bedford &c, so then attached to the Light Infantry called "Scotts Light Infantry" until about the month of December when he was ordered up the Mohawk River to Canajoharie and there joined his Regiment which had been previously ordered there into winter quarters. In the spring of 1779 was ordered to Cooperstown, remained there about one month; when to Tioga Point there joined Sullivan's Army and went with him to near the Genesee River in New York, returned from that expedition by way of Wyoming and Easton to Morristown, New Jersey and there went into Winter quarters; and was discharged at Morristown in December 1779 having served his term of three years.

He was appointed a Sergeant at Canajoharie about a year previous to his discharge and served as such to the end of his term of service.

He received a written discharge signed by Captain Smith and Colonel Rinier which together with his sergeant's warrant has been lost, he cannot tell how but has had them in his possession since the war.

That in the year following 1780 he was a Sergeant in Captain Abraham Westfall's Company in Colonel Pauldings Regiment of New York Militia, was on the Western Frontier and was stationed at PeanPack, was quartered at the house of one Jacob DeWitt and was there discharged in November of that year, and that from that time until the close of the war, he was in service in the militia, from five to eight months each year.

That he now resides in the Town of Fayette Seneca County in the State of New York and has resided there for twenty eight years past and previously he resided in the Town of MamaCator, Orange County.

That he has no documentary evidence of his said service, and knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure than John Green and George Mapes whose affidavits accompany this declaration.

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 or Territory. (Signed) Nathan Cook.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

Seba Murphy, Clerk of the County of Seneca.