

**Pension Application for Nathaniel Cotton**

R.2354

There doesn't appear to be any deposition of any sort, from the veteran or survivors or anyone for a pension claim.

A letter dated June 5, 1820 is in the folder.

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Sir

The papers in the case of Nathaniel Cotton have been re-examined and I have to acquaint you that his claim to a pension cannot be admitted, 1<sup>st</sup> because the service performed in Willett's Regt (as appears from his declaration of the 15<sup>th</sup> June last) not being in a regt on the Continental Establishment will not entitle him to a pension under the act of the 18<sup>th</sup> March last, and 2<sup>d</sup> because the only proof adduced in support of his claim for services in Hall's regt as appears from this declaration of the 17<sup>th</sup> Feby last, is a paper purporting to be a discharge given by Capt Sharock Bell, but which bear evident marks of being a forgery. If Cotton had served as he states in his letter declaration, his name would undoubtedly appear on the rolls.

Letter in file dated March 26, 1907.

In reply to your letter dated the 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo and received on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, you are advised that a careful search of the records of this Bureau fails to show that Nathaniel Cotton was allowed a pension on account of service rendered in the War of the Revolution or War of 1818.

It appears, however, that one Nathaniel Cotton (R.No. 2,354) applied for a pension under the Act of March 18, 1818, which was rejected on the ground that his alleged service was not on the Continental Establishment, as required under that Act, and on examination of the files of this Bureau in 1877 the papers in said claim were found missing.