

### **Pension Application for Nathaniel Dan**

W.17696 (Widow: Mary) Married January 16, 1783. Her maiden name was Sevens. Nathaniel died April 13, 1836.

State of Connecticut

County of Fairfield SS.

Probate District of Stamford. On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1834 personally appeared before the County Probate in & for the District aforesaid Nathaniel Dan a resident of the town of Stamford in the County of Fairfield & State of Connecticut aged seventy nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law & that on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That eh entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

In the Revolutionary War on the first day of July 1776 I enlisted as a private in a company of State troops of the State of New York commanded by Capt. David Dan & Lieut Reuben Weed.

David was of Pound Ridge in New York & Weed was of said Hamford—both are now dead—enlisted at s'd PoundRidge, which adjoining said Stamford—enlisted for six months. This was in Col. Thomas Thomas's Regt.—He is dead—as I understood he undertook to raise a Regt for nine months from Apl 1<sup>st</sup> 1776, but did not fill it up & on the 1<sup>st</sup> of s'd July the said company was I believe another commanded by Capt Gilbert now dead, were raised to fill out said Regt.

We mustered at Bedford in New York & thence proceeded to Kings Bridge near New York. Staid there in service till the battle on Long Island & till the British drove our troops out of New York—at the time of the Battle on Long Island I went on a draft to take provisions to Fort Washington—assisted with the rest of said Company to build fort Independence.

A day or two before the Battle at White Plains I was sent home by our commanding officer to convey my sic brother, Squire Dan now decd & returned & joined my company immediately after said battle & was therefore not in said battle -- we lay at White Plains till our Army left that place & thence went to Peekskill in New York where we lay until a few days before our term expired when Col. Thomas marched us down to Harrison's Purchase in New York where our time expired on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1777 when we were discharged & returned to our homes. I think one Hatfield was adjutant of the Regt.

He was Major or Adjutant—James Dan [?] s'd PoundRidge was in the same company with me—Samuel Dan of PoundRidge was in the same service of Regt, but in a company commanded by Capt. Gilbert. I served faithfully as a private in said company during the whole of said term of six months & drew regular pay & rations & was during all of said term constantly engaged in said service, away from home, except when I returned as aforesaid with my brother) & & could not & did not during any of said time follow any Civil pursuit.

The corps in which I served was a regularly embodied Corps of troops raised & ordered into service by the regular public authorities of new York. I am now so old &

broken down that I cannot state the names of the these officers or the incidents of the service with any useful particulars.

Some years after this, but I cannot tell what years, but as late as 1779, or 1780, I think and I believe in the month of March tho' I cannot give the exact date I again enlisted for nine months in a company of New York State troops commanded by Capt. Saml Lewis, then of said PoundRidge now decd, one Heil Bonton, I think was Lieutenant—I don't' know what has become of him—enlisted as a private at s'd PoundRidge. The service consisted in guarding the County against the Tories, in scouting, repelling incursions &c &c &, was rendered in said PoundRidge of the neighboring part of Connecticut & new York – one service was constant of the kind stated above & such that we could not & did not follow any civil pursuit.—

I served faithfully & stood by during said whole term of nine months & ending said as I think sometime in the December following said James Dan was in this service without [?] this time under [?] cousin to TarryTown on the Hudson & spent some weeks there in the service. We drew pay & rations. This company was a regularly embodied corps raised & ordered into service by the regiment public Continentals of New York—I have endeavored in vain to [?] the year I cannot do it—I know it was when the Cowboys were most troublesome for us had many affairs with them.

I was born in said Stamford on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1755—have a record of my age in an old book—lived in said Stamford till I entered said service—during the war & some few years afterwards in said Pound Ridge, then came back to said Stamford & have lived there ever since for fourteen years past I have been when down & laid up with infirmities & for seven years past have been in the poor house & supported by the town of Stamford—for about two years I have been blind—I have not been in said PoundRidge for about twenty years—I enlisted as stated above in my own account & was a substitute – never received a written discharge—do not know that I can obtain any [?] proof of my services under said Lewis but said James Dan—Have answered the 5<sup>th</sup> prescribed interrogatory as fully as I can to my useful purpose.—I refer to said James Dan & to John Seely & said [?] who I have long known are well to prove my character for truth & their knowledge or belief or my services as a soldier of the Revolution—

There is no clergyman within my knowledge [?] who has any knowledge in [?] to my services or the reputation of them – for my former residence was remote from any of those who live in that region are all late comers to whom I am unknown & in consequence of my poverty & being in the poor house, there is more I believe to which I could apply with any prospect of obtaining a certificate from them—I am quite to poor & inform to be able to make extensive enquiries—I have for a longtime past been endeavoring to make my application for a pension, but have been unable until now & could not now but for the kindness & assistance of friends.

The declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Nathaniel Dan

Sworn to & Subscribed this day & year aforesaid. Chas. Hawley, Judge