

Pension Application for Nathaniel Dodge

S.19284

State of New York

County of Orange SS.

On the twenty first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Horace M. Elliot—as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Orange and State of New York (the said Court of Common Pleas being a Court of Record) Nathaniel Dodge a resident of the Town of Calhoun in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy seven 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 7th 1832.

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

That soon after the commencement of the Revolutionary War, he cannot tell the year but it was the same year that the British took New York, he enlisted for six weeks as a minute man in Capt Townsend Company at North Castle in the County of Westchester and State aforesaid where he then lived and that he was marched to near New York and helped build a Fort near Hell Gate called fort minute, and served the six weeks, out and then returned home and soon after he returned home he was drafted for six months in Capt John Thomas company, and served the six months in said company he was marched to New York, served in Gen. Scott's Brigade he was [?] a part of the six months but served the whole time out and then returned home and that soon afterwards he was again call on and at his own expense proceeded and Joshua Hunt to enlist during the war in the continental service and this applicant was then excused for nearly two years after that he was again called out in the Militia in the WestChester County where he lived during the whole Revolutionary War he was kept under arms from that time until peace was concluded, but was only called out occasionally at onetime he was called out and served more than a month at different times a few days at a time at most every alarm during a period of about two years and most of the time he was kept within the said county of Westchester where was continual skirmishing at one time he was ordered and went to West Point at an alarm but cannot say how long he was gone nor how long her served at the said different times during the last two years of the said Revolutionary War and he says he never received one dollar for all his services rendered in the said war.

And he further says that he then owned a small farm in WestChester County where the army was encamped one night and destroyed nearly all the fences and greatly injured the said farm for which he never received any compensation that he was born in Bedford in said County of Westchester in seventeen hundred and fifty five as he has ever been informed and believes, but has no record of his age and never has lived [???] receives and knows of only one man living by whom he can prove any part of it, that is Caleb Clark of Minisink in the County of orange that he has lived where he now lives—nearly all the time since the Revolutionary War that he is acquainted with most of the people in the western part of the County of Orange Hon. James Finch

[?] Amos Harding and many others of [?]. That he this applicant is able to attend court in person without danger his is entirely blind and very hard of hearing and otherwise very inform.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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, where Bedford in Westchester was burnt by the British he was in the militia one or two weeks, he was called to TerryTown in said County one month more before he hired the substitute. (signed with his mark) Nathaniel Dodge

Sworn & subscribed the 21 August 1832 before me. H. W. Elliott