

Pension Application for Nathaniel Doolittle

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State of New York

Tompkins County SS.

On this first day of November 1832 personally appeared before me Nicholl Halsey one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Tompkins at his dwelling House Nathaniel Doolittle a resident of the Town of Hector in the County of Tompkins and State of New York aged eighty 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 him as stated.

That he entered the service in the year 1775 in the New York State Militia of the State of New York in what was then called Kings District. That he was ordered out under Col. Whiting thinks John Whiting, Capt'n John Salsbury, Lieut. John Monger went to Fort George to assist in moving the provisions and started and from thence to Fort Edward, and from thence to Saratoga.

His Lieut Munger got shot by an Indians through the body near Fort Edward was about a mile from him when he was shot but saw him soon after he was wounded and he soon died.

The expedition was commanded by Gen. Schuyler a part of the time.

In the year 1776 according to his best recollection is not very certain as to the year he was again called out under the same col. Whiting and Captain John Davis went to Johnstown was stationed there four or five months from thence returned home and was discharged or dismissed.

There was no peculiar or particular circumstances attending this expedition except the following he recollects being on guard on day guarding the baking and was relieved and soon after he was relieved the enemy or some of them came up and shot down one of the guard and he was brought in dead. Thinks he was about five months in each expedition – was out about one month at another time about the before mentioned expeditions but cannot recollect the particulars about it.

That he was born in Middletown in Connecticut in the year 1765—has a record of his age in his Indenture of Apprenticeship having taken them up after having served his time out.

Lived in Spencer Town in what was then called Kings District, when he was called into the service.

After the Revolution he moved to Charlestown in Montgomery County from thence to [?] Cayuga County after was called Genoa – from thence to Hector where he has lived for the last sixteen years and now lives in Hector.

Was called into service as stated in this declaration does not know whether it was by draft or requisition of a certain part of the Militia thinks the Militia were classed, and a part had to go but does not recollect in which way he went out.

Does not recollect of receiving any written discharge if he did it is lost.

Is well acquainted with Elder James Moore, Col. Arantes Evarts – Deacon Wm, Kimble, Peter Kimble, Peter Snyder, Elder James Reynolds, who lives in his neighborhood. And that he is feeble from bodily infirmity to attend court. (Signed) Nathaniel Doolittle

Sworn and subscribed this 1st day of November 1832 before me. Nicoll Halsey, a Judge of Tompkins county.