

Pension Application for Jonathan Finch or Finck

W.16572 (Widow: Jemina)

Jonathan Finch, (1759-1831) served in Capt. Marcus Moseman's company, Col. Thomas Thomas' Westchester county militia; was wounded in service and 1787 was pensioned for wound. In 1836 his widow was allowed a pension for service as private and sergeant New York Line. Jemina died March 6th 1840.

State of New York

Saratoga SS.

On this 20th day of Nov 1823 before me John Steel one of the Justices of the Peace of said County personally appeared Jonathan Finch to whom the original Certificate in his possession was given of which the following is a copy.

By Richard Varick & Richard Platt of the City of New York Esquires: This is to certify that in pursuance of the law of the State of New York entitled an act making provision for officers, soldier, &c men who have been disabled in the service of the United States passed the 22nd of April 1786, we have examined Jonathan Finch late of Bedford in the County of Westchester but now of Fredericks Burgh in the County of Dutchess Taylor & find that during the late war he was a soldier in Captain Marcus Moseman's Company of Westchester County militia commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas & that while in the company & Regiment aforesaid to wit on the twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred & eighty one being on patrol with Lieutenant Abraham Hyatt at the Manour of Courtlandt he received a wound by a musket ball in his right arm which has disabled him of its use & rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by his trade or any hard labor & that the thirty first day of March last he was twenty eight years of age wherefore in pursuance of the law aforesaid we do further certify that upon the principles of the act of Congress of the seventh of June 1785 the said Jonathan Finch is entitled to receive from the Treasurer of this State a yearly pension of forty eight dollars from the said Twenty first day of April one thousand seven hundred & eighty one if not before paid. Given under our hands the Twelfth day of April 1787. Richard Varick & Richard Platte Esquires.

Letter in fold dated October 17, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.16572, it appears that Jonathan Finch was born March 31, 1759, place not stated.

While residing at Bedford, Westchester County, New York, he enlisted in 1776 and served as a private in tours under Captains Townsend, Boughton, Richard Sackett, Marcus Moseman, Colonels Thomas Thomas, Ludenton, and Graham, with the New York Troops, was in the battles of White Plains, and Morrisania, and on April 21, 1781, while in Captain Jacob M. Vermilya's Company of Dragoons, on patrol near Cortland Manor, he was wounded by a gunshot in his right arm, but in spite of his wound, continued in the service, was in numerous skirmishes and scouting parties, captured one prisoner alone and assisted in capturing fifty-two others and served to close of war.

He was allowed pension on account of above mentioned wound, from April 21, 1781, at which time he was a resident of Fredericksburgh, Dutchess County, New York.

He died December 13, 1831 at Saratoga, New York.

Soldier married February 1, 1782 at Bedford, New York, Jemima Ferris. She was allowed pension on her application executed December 14, 1836, while a resident of Saratoga, New York, aged seventy-one years, eleven months, and twenty-four days.

She died March 6, 1840, leaving the following children—Joshua Finch, in 1845 living in Saratoga, New York; and Abigail, wife of Joseph W. Sawyer, in 1845 living in Augusta, Maine.