

Pension Application for Nathaniel Finch

R.3542 (Widow: Keziah)

Children of Nathan'l Finch and his wife Keziah.

1. John Allison was born May 12 an 1765.
2. Solomon was born September [?] an 1766.
3. Mary was born January 3 an 1769.
4. Elizabeth was born Nov 9 an 1770.
5. Keozia was born April 20 an 1773.
6. Mathew was born Febur 25 an 1775.
7. Hanah was born January 21 an 1777.
8. Daniel was born January 26 an 1779.

State of New York

Yates County SS.

On this 23d day of July AD 1856 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Kesiah Raplee aged eighty three years a resident of the town of Milo in the County and State above named, who being duly sworn according to law declared that Kesia Finch; late of the County of Orange in said state, deceased, was at the time of her death the widow of Nathaniel Finch, who held a commission, and served as adjutant in the Regiment of New York Militia commanded by Col. John Hathorn as will appear by his original Commission hereto attached, and who also served as a Captain in said Regiment as will appear by reference to his original Muster Roll, hereto attached, and the Muster and pay roll at the office of the War Department at Washington, in the War of the American Revolution and was killed at the battle of Minisink during said war.

That she is unable to state the time when the said Nathaniel Finch enlisted or for what length of time he served in said war, that the said Kesiah Finch was married to the said Nathaniel Finch in Orange County in said State, that the date of said marriage by whom the ceremony was performed, all unknown to declarant, that the maiden name of said Kesiah Finch was Kesiah Allison and that no record either public or private of the same can be found, that the said Kesiah Finch died at the said County of Orange in said State of New York in the year 1813 and that the said Kesiah Finch was at the time of her death the widow of the said Nathaniel Finch, and unmarried and unmarried [sic] as will appear by proofs hereto attached.

She further says that she; declarant; Solomon Finch a resident of the town of castile in Wyoming County, and State of New York and Hannah Currin a resident of Bradford County, State of Pennsylvania are the only surviving children, and immediate heirs of the said Kesiah Finch as will appear by reference to proofs hereto attached.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining whole or pension or bounty land she may be entitled to as a child and heir of the said Kesiah Finch, under act of Congress granting pensions and bounty land to and children of deceased Revolutionary Soldiers.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint Solomon Finch of Yates County in the state of same my lawful attorney to prosecute this claim, hereby authorizing and representing my said Attorney, to obtain from the proper authorities at Washington and elsewhere certified copies of any army records or documents in which the said service of the said Nathaniel Finch may be recorded and to prove any and all above evidence to establish my claim as fully as I might or could do if personally present, and to receive from the department at Washington, and certificates, drafts, [?] or documents in behalf of and relating to said claim, hereby [?] and countermanding all other authority which may have been given for the above specified purpose. (Signed) Kesiah Raplee.

State of New York, Yates County. George VanOrsdol, Justice of the Peace in and for Yates County