

Pension Application for Nathaniel Keeler

W.9492 (Widow: Ann) Nathaniel died Sept. 30, 1853.

B.L.Wt.24906-160-55

Family Record

Marriages

Mercy Keeler married to Peter Chapman July 3d 1806.

Lydia Keeler married Ira T. Freeman Nov 15th 1810.

Lewis Keeler married to Anna Bishop March 30th 1815.

Nathaniel Keeler Junr married to Phebe Hall Nov 14th 1816.

Phebe Keeler married to Thomas Marshall March 19th 1818.

Joel Elmer Keeler married to Polly L. Smith Dec 21st 1819.

Polly Keeler married to Calvin Wood Feb 3d, 1825.

Nathaniel married Ann Stephens October 13, 1835.

Births

Nathaniel Keeler was born November 5th 1757.

Jemima Barnum born October 25th 1758. They were married March 22nd 1781.

Mercy Keeler born June 13th 1783

Lydia Keeler April 15th 1786.

Lewis Keeler June 5th 1788.

Phebe Keeler Nov 23d 1790.

Nathaniel Keeler Junr Sep 4th 1792.

Mary Keeler August 25th 1794.

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Names and Births of the Children of Joel E. & Polly L. Keeler

Harley Smith Keeler Oct 14th 1820.

Harriet March Keeler Dec 22, 1821.

Lydia Elizabeth Keeler April 17th 1824.

Rachel Amanda Keeler Oct 16, 1827.

Rhoda Jane Keeler Nov 28, 1829.

Polly Maria Keeler August 13th 1833.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

State of New York

County of Madison SS.

On the Fifteenth day of June A.D. 1935, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Madison aforesaid, being a court of Record, now sitting Nathaniel Keeler a resident of the town of Fenner in the aforesaid County of Madison aged 77 years the 10th day of October last 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 & served as hereinafter stated.

I entered the service by voluntary enlistment on or before the 20th day of May 1779, in a company of Volunteer Horse Commanded by Captain Samuel Delevan Frist Lieut. John Mandeville, Second Lieut Uriah Wallace & Cornet Jacob Vermilie.

Enlisted at Salem (now North Salem) in the County of West Chester New York where I then resided for during the war & continued in service in the same company from that time til the time Genl Washington took possession of the City of New York in the month of November 1783, having served at least four years & five & a half months more than two years of the time I was Bugler & the remainder of the time I served as a Private.

The company marched on to the lines in Westchester County. A part of the time we served with Col. Sheldon's Continental Horse—of which Col. Sheldon was Colonel [blank] Whiting Lieut Colonel, Benjamin Talmadge Major. We sometimes served under command of the officers of Sheldon's Horse—as we frequently rode with them while we lay at Bedford Westchester County we were once surprised by the British Horse & one of our men by the name of Ambler, was killed.

Our company was a regularly embodied corps called into service & officered by appointment of the Council of appointment of the State of New York. We drew our Uniforms, rations & pay from the State of New York. In; November 1783 I was with the rest of the company regularly discharged but none of the company received written discharges.

Answer to Question 1st I was born in the town of Ridgefield Fairfield County Connecticut the 10th day of October 1757.

Answer to 2nd I have a record of my age in a Bible in my house.

Answer to 3rd When called into service I lived in Salem Westchester County N.Y. lived there a year or two after the war closed moved to Galway Saratoga County New York, lived there about twenty seven years & moved to Fenner Madison County where I have lived ever since & where I still live.

Answer to 4th I volunteered.

Answer to 5th I can remember the names of the regular officers only, whom I have already mentioned in the body of my declaration.

Answer to 6th I never received a written discharge.

Answer to 7th I am known in my present neighborhood to Messrs Alvin Fay, Solomon Hamlin, Russell Ransom, Noah Blakeslee Esq. & many others who can testify to my character & their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution and also John Fisher, Edward Wilson & William Wilson.

I hereby relinquish all claim to any pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

I have no documentary evidence and know of no person whose testimony I can prove who can testify to my services except Jacob Wallace whose affidavit is hereto annexed. (Signed) Nathaniel Keeler

Sworn in Open Court the day & year aforesaid. A.S. Sloan, Clk

Letter in folder dated February 27, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Nathaniel Keeler, a pensioner of Fenner, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim W. 9492, based upon service of Nathaniel Keeler in the Revolutionary War.

Nathaniel Keeler was born October 10, 1757 in Ridgefield, Fairfield County, Connecticut; the names of his parents were not given.

While a resident of Salem, Westchester County, New York, he volunteered about May 20, 1779, served as trumpeter in Captain Samuel Delavan's company of dragoons and continued until after November 25, 1779; he enlisted about May 4, 1780, served as trumpeter of Major Andre; he served also on other tours in said company of horse, a part of the time under command of Colonel Elisha Sheldon, and was in service in November 1783, when general Washington took possession of New York City.

This soldier continued to reside in Salem, New York, for a year or two after the Revolutionary War, after which he moved to Galway, Saratoga County, New York, where he resided about twenty-seven years, then moved to Fenner, Madison County, New York.

Nathaniel Keeler was allowed pension on account of his service in the Revolutionary War, on his application executed June 15, 1835, at which time he resided in Fenner, New York. He died there October 14, 1853.

The soldier married March 22, 1781, Jemima Barnum, his first wife; she was born October 25, 1758. The names of her parents, place of birth, and place of their marriage were not given. Nathaniel Keeler married October 13, 1835, Ann Stephens, his second wife; they were married in Van Buren, Onondaga County, New York, by a Baptist Minister. They lived afterwards in Fenner, New York.

Ann Keeler, this soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed March 15, 1855, at which time she was a resident of West Union, Steuben County, New York. She was aged then seventy-nine years; the date and place of her birth and the names of her parents were not given. She was allowed also one hundred sixty acres of bounty land on Warrant #24906 under the Act of March 3, 1855, on account of his service in the Revolutionary War.

The names and births of the children of Nathaniel Keeler
and his wife, Jemima, are shown as follow:

Mercy Keeler born June 13, 1783.

Lydia Keeler born April 15, 1786.

Lewis Keeler born June 5, 1788.

Phebe Keeler born November 23, 1790.

Nathaniel, Jr. Keeler born September 4, 1792.

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Shown Also.

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In February 1855, this soldier's son, Lewis Keeler, resided in Fenner, New York. Lewis' son, Harvey L. Keeler, stated then that he was aged thirty years, and that he had resided in the same house with his grandfather, at the time of his death. Said Lewis Keeler's wife, Anna Keeler, was living at that time.

In 1855, the soldier's son, Joel E. Keeler, was deceased; his widow, Polly Keeler, resided in Fenner, New York; their son, Oscar Keeler (soldier's grandson) stated that his mother had the Family Bible of Nathaniel Keeler.