

Pension Application for Benjamin Ketcham

S.24239

State of New York

Orange County SS

On this 28th day of November 1832, personally appeared before me, Gilbert Ogden Fowler one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County or Orange, Benjamin Ketcham a resident of the town of Cornwall and County aforesaid aged seventy nine 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 and served as herein stated. I was born in the State of Connecticut in the month of May 1753. The record of my age is lost. I was living in the town of Cornwall State of N.Y. when I inlisted [enlisted] as a private man in the year 1775 in Capt. Samuel Raymond's Company, Col. Nicols Regiment. We marched from Cornwall N.Y. to Constitution Island near West Point. I believe we inlisted in the month of August 1775 and continued in actual service as private men about eight months as near as I can remember being discharged sometime in March 1776.

Then on or about the 1st July 1776 I again enlisted the second time in Capt. Raymond's Company, we marched from Cornwall to Fort Montgomery, thence to Niack [Nyack] thence to Kings Bridge, where we remained till we retreated from New York, we then marched to White Plains and from thence to Peekskill where I was discharged on the 1st January 1777, having served 5 months. Since the Revolution I have resided and still reside in Orange County, New York.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of and state.

And this deponent further saith that his age and his [?] are such that he thinks it will be enough his life (having been such a long time) [can't read] Court of Common pleas for s'd County which court [can't read] set next week and further the deponent saith not. (Signed) Benjamin Ketcham

Sworn to and subscribed this 28th day of November 1832 before me. Gilbert Ogden [?] one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Orange County.

Letter in folder dated October 11, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.24239, it appears that Benjamin Ketcham was born in May 1753, in Connecticut.

While a resident of Cornwall, Orange County, New York, he enlisted in August, 1775, and served as a private in Captain Samuel Raymond's Company, in Colonel Nicholas' New York Regiment, and was discharged in March, 1776.

He enlisted July 1, 1776, as a private in Captain Samuel Raymond's New York Company, and was discharged January 1, 1777.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 28, 1832, at which time he as a resident of Cornwall, New York.

There are no data on file relative to his family.

This is the only soldier by the name of Benjamin Ketcham that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.