

Pension Application for Samuel Ketcham or Ketchum

S.42762

State of New York

Orange County SS.

Personally appeared in the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Orange before the Judges thereof in open court it being a Court or Record Samuel Ketcham of the Town of Monroe in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820—

That the said Samuel enlisted for the term of nine months on the fifth day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight at the Town of Warwick in the County and State aforesaid as a private in Captain Marvin's Company in the fourth New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry B. Livingston's in the line of the State of New York on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the fifth day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine when he was honorably discharged from the said Service at Fort Plain in the State of New York.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the Roll of any state except the State of New York, and that the following are the reasons for his not making an earlier application for a pension viz. That until the first day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven this deponent was in possession of an lawful owner of a farm of six hundred acres of Mountain land situate in the Town of Monroe and County of Orange aforesaid which with great industry and care afforded this deponent a scanty subsistence and in pursuance of the Act of May first 1820.

I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818—and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818—

That I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18th March 1818—the following changes have been made in my person property.—

Description of Property	To whom sold	Time of Sale	Amt reserved in value
One farm of six hundred acres of mountain land mortgaged to the State of New York for Two Thousand dollars— Personal property which I owned on the 18 th March 1818 all sold on	Sold to Joseph Sears for \$2000 who purchased subject to the incumbrance & is to pay the same which is the whole amount the consideration of said sale except 2000 was	May 1827	Received nothing except as before mentioned payment of any debts

<p>or about the twenty fifth day of December 1827 by virtue of an execution in favor of the overseers of the Town of Warwick against me except the following articles which are exempt by law.</p>	<p>paid by the said Joseph for me for my creditors for which I was indebted to him at the time of said sale.</p>		
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Schedule of the Property of Samuel Ketchum exempt from execution by law now in his possession.

2 chairs 4/-- 1 tin pail 4/-- \$1.00
 I Iron Kettle [Kettle] 8/- 1 pair and Irons 8/ 2.00
 1 Tea Kettle 16/- 1 Brass Kettle 12/ 3.50
 Cups & Saucers 8/- 6 earthen plates 3/ 1.37 ½
 6 Pewter plates 6/- 4 Bowls 2/ 1.00
 6 Knives & forks 4/-12 Spoons 20/ 3.00
 1 pair Flat irons .75
 1 Old Carpet 1 Stand 8/ 1.50
 2 small trunks 2.00

\$16.12 ½

About six years ago an ejectment suit was commenced in the Supreme Court of this State in favor of James Jackson on the demise of Samuel Ketcham the above deponent against Alexander McMurtery the tenant in possession and a Judgment was thereupon rendered against the Deponent and deponent further saith that the dependent's costs in said suit amounted to the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars & upwards—for which an attachment was issued against this deponent upon which this deponent was arrested and committed to prison where he remained until the 15th day of December last having been three months in confinement at the expiration of which time this deponent was discharged by taking the benefit of an act entitled an act to abolish imprisonment in certain cases. Samuel Ketchum

Sworn this 13th day of February 1828 before me in open court. Asa Dunning,
 Clerk