

Pension Application for Azariah Ketchum or Ketcham

W.16315 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married September 11, 1781 in the town or Warwick by James Benedict a minister of the Baptist denomination. Azariah died December 10, 1832.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this fourth day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County (being a court of Record) now sitting Azariah Ketchum of Warwick Orange County and said State aged seventy seven 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

Deponent saith that he was born in Bedford in West Chester County, in said State, on the 15th day of February in the year 1755 as he believes, and as he has often read the same in his father's family Record.

That deponent was living in said town of Warwick when he first entered the service of the United States—Saith that in the month of April as he believes, in the year 1776 he volunteered in the company of Militia commanded by Captain John Wisner, Asa Wisner being Ensign, and belonging to Colonel John Hathorn's Regiment and as a Corporal in said company was mustered for one month; was marched to Fort Constitution on the East Side the Hudson River, where his company was attached to or commanded by Colonel Newkirk. At this place deponent was employed with his company in building said Fort, up to the end of the month.

Deponent further saith that he volunteered and served two months at Fort Montgomery in the same summer (1776) under Captain John Minthorn Lieutenant Nathaniel Ketchum & George Vance—his regiment commanded by Colonel John Hathorn. Deponent further said that in the same year he was a volunteer in the company of Captain William Blain in Colonel Nicholl's regiment and served one month at White Plains—saith that he was in the Battle and fought the Brittish [British] Troops on the 28th of October of that year, and personally acquainted with, and was there under the orders at several times of General Putnam and George Clinton.

Deponent saith that in the winter of 1777, he served as Corporal three months under Captain John Minthorn laying or being stationed at Chloster near the Hudson River. During the same year deponent saith that he served as a Corporal under Captain Daniel Gore—at the Susquehannah and along the Indian frontier for the space of five months.

Was a volunteer under the command of Captain Minthorn four months at West Point in the Year 1778, and also one month at Ramapo was marched to and lay one month at New Windsor and Fishkill in the year 1779, being as deponent saith in the month of November.

Deponent further saith that in the year 1777 he was ordered under Lieutenant Nathaniel Ketchum and marched to New Windsor, thence to Espous or Kingston, and from thence went as an escort to Continental Waggons [wagons] from Boston, to Easton in Pennsylvania, this service deponent believes lasted about two months.

Saith that he was stationed one month at Goshen to guard the prisoners there, at the time the notorious Claudius Smith and husband were executed.

Deponent further saith that he served as Corporal aforesaid under Captain John Minthorn two months at different times on the Minisink frontier. Also under the same Capotain and in Colonel John Hathorn's Regiment deponent served three months at other periods at Haverstraw and West Point—Beside frequent excursions which he performed with his fellow soldiers in arms in repressing the depredations of Tories who haunted and robbed the Whig inhabitants along the River towns.

Deponent declares that the whole time which he faithfully served his country in the Revolutionary War, and in the capacity of Corporal in the Militia, amounted to more than two years.

Saith that deponent never received any written discharge from the service. Declarant further saith that he is acquainted with John C. Murphy, a clergyman who resides in his neighborhood and who will testify as to his belief of his having been a soldier of the Revolution derived from general reputation, and to his credibility.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Azariah Ketchum.

Subscribed and sworn in open court the day & year aforesaid. Asa Dunning, Clerk

Letter in folder dated August 20, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.16315 it appears that Azariah Ketchum, or Ketcham, was born February 15, 1755 in Bedford, Westchester County, New York.

While a resident of Warwick, Orange County, New York he enlisted in April 1776 and served at various times during the Revolution, about twenty-six months in all, as Corporal under Lieutenant Nathaniel Ketchum, Captains John Wisner, John Minthorn, William Blain, and Daniel Gore, Colonels John Hathorn, Newkirk and Nicoll in the New York Troops and was in the battle of White Plains.

He applied for pension December 4, 1832 while living in Warwick, New York. His claim was allowed. He died December 10, 1832, in said Warwick.

Soldier married September 11, 1781, in Warwick, New York, Elizabeth Tharp of Warwick, born March 5, 1757 and who was allowed pension on her application executed October 8, 1839, while living in Rochester, Monroe County, New York with her son Richard.

Their children were: John, Patty, Philip, Hannah, Jesse, Maria and said Richard. Richard and Patty were the only surviving children in 1839.