

Pension Application for Nathaniel Ketchum or Ketcham

W.20310 (Widow: Polly) Married May 26, 1773 and Nathaniel died December 9, 1827. Payable to Azubah Ketchum, Temperance Dill, Esther Haize and Abijah Ketchum, surviving children of Polly Ketchum deceased.

Letter in folder dated May 25, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of April 11, 1940, in which you request information relative to Revolutionary War soldiers, Isaac Carll Ketcham, Ketchem or Ketchum, and Nathaniel Ketcham, Ketchem or Ketchum.

The Revolutionary War records of this office fail to afford any information relative to an Isaac or Carll Ketchum, searched under all spellings of the surname.

The data which follow were taken from papers on file in the pension claim, W.20310, based on the military service of the only Nathaniel Ketchum (searched under all spellings of the surname) that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

The date and place of birth of Nathaniel Ketchum and names of his parents are not shown.

While living in Warwick, Orange County, New York, Nathaniel Ketchum served as first lieutenant with the New York troops as follows: from about the first of March 1776, four months under Captain John Wisner and was stationed at Fort Constitution; from June or July, 1776, five months under Captain John Jackson and Colonel William Allison; in the winter of 1777, three months under Colonel William Allison; from about September, 1777, about three months under Captain John Minthorn and Colonel John Hathorn; in the fall of 1778, about one month and ten days under Captain Minthorn and Colonel Hathorn; from about the last of September, 1779, about two months under Captain Minthorn and Colonel John Hathorn.

Nathaniel Ketchum died December 9, 1827.

This officer married in Goshen, Orange County, New York, May 26, 1773, Polly Drake.

As the widow of Nathaniel Ketchum, Polly Ketchum (her personal signature Ketchum) was allowed pension on her application executed May 28, 1838, at which time she was living in Warwick, New York, aged eighty-five years.

Polly Ketchum died September 4 or 11, 1838, and was survived by the following children: Azubah Ketchum, Temperance, Dill, Esther Haize or Hauze and Abia or Abijah Ketchum.

In 1838, reference was made to the widow's grandchildren but no names were given.

The widow had a brother, Joshua Drake, and the soldier had a brother Ezra Ketchum but both were dead in 1838. In that year the soldier's brother, Samuel Ketchum, was living in Warwick, New York aged about eighty-one years.

There are no further data relative to family.