

Pension Application for Samuel Ketchum

W.1195 (Widow: Sarah) married in Saratoga County in the year about A.D. 1799. Her maiden name was Bernard. Samuel died at Maryland NY October 26, 1850.

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State of New York

Otsego County SS.

On this seventh day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Otsego now sitting Samuel Ketchum of Maryland in the County of Otsego and State of New York aged sixty 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

First, that on or about the first of April in the year 1776 he enlisted into a company of Militia or State Troops as a volunteer for the period of three months, commanded by Capt. Osborn of the Town of Bedford in the County of Westchester [Westchester] New York.

Also recollects that a man by the name of Searls was Ensign in said company. That said company mustered at Bedford meeting house and marched from thence to White Plains and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. McDonald or McDaniel—from White Plains said company marched to Westchester, also to east Chester, to Merenic, and to Horseneck and also back to White Plains, at which place the said Company was dismissed at the expiration of three months service—but that he has no recollection of receiving a written discharge from the service at this time.

Second—and the said Samuel Ketchum further states he again enlisted as volunteer the same year that Danbury in Connecticut was burnt, into the same company above stated, or into a company commanded by the same officers for the period of nine months, that he at this time enlisted at White Plains, and belonged to Col. McDonald's Regiment. That said Regiment was at the time Stationed at White Plains.

That during this nine months service he marched to Danbury Connecticut two or three times, remained with said Company at Danbury at one time about one week which was within a few days after the burning of that place by the British under the command of Genl Tryon. And he also recollects of marching to Horseneck with said company during this nine month service was discharged at the Village then called Westchester.

That he received a written Discharge, and according to his best recollection and belief the same was signed by Col. McDonald—and he also states that the same Genl Wooster at White Plains, which he thinks was previous to the burning of Danbury and he also several times during the service above stated saw Genl. Washington at White Plains.

And he further states and repeats, that he was in actual service as a soldier in the War of the Revolution for the full period of twelve months as he has above stated.

That he was born in the year 1764 in the Town of Bedford in the County of Westchester New York as he has always been informed and believes to be true. That he has no record of his age—and also that he resided in the said Town of Bedford at each time he was called into service as above stated, and that he continued to reside there until after the War of the Revolution, and then moved to Halfmoon in the County of Saratoga New York. That he continued to reside in the County of Saratoga aforesaid until about fifteen years since, when he removed from Saratoga to the County of Otsego New York where he now resided.

That he was called into service as above stated, and that he did not serve any part of said time as a substitute for any other person—That he has set forth the names of the officers, and the circumstances of his services as far as he can now recollect the same—and that the discharge which he received at the expiration of the nine months service as above stated was burnt up about thirty years since when his house was burnt while he resided in the County of Saratoga—

And also that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service as above stated—

And he further states that he is well known to Amos H. Brown Esqr & Henry Myers in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution —and he the said Samuel Ketchum hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

And he further states that there is not any clergyman residing in his neighborhood, which is the reason why he has not obtained the evidence of a Clergyman to support this application. (Signed with his mark) Samuel Ketchum

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Horace Lathroop, Clerk.