

Pension Application for Noah Payn

S.23351

State of New York

County of Washington SS.

On this 29th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court before us the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas In and for the County of Washington in and for the County of Washington now sitting Noah Payn a resident of the town of Fort Edward in the County of Washington and State of New York aged seventy three years the 5th day of July last past 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.

That sometime in the month of June in the year of 1775 I resided in the town of Fort Edward County of Washington and State of New York at which time and place the militia were all called out under the direction of a town committee and under the command of Col Alexander Campbell who was appointed by the inhabitants of the town for the time being as the Militia were not at that time organized and were ordered to go to Ticonderoga and commenced our march and went about twenty miles when we were discharged and I returned to my Father's home in Fort Edward aforesaid and I was in the service four days, that the said Alexander Campbell afterward went over and joined the enemy and did onto return I continued to reside with my Father at Fort Edward aforesaid untill the 8th day of July 1777 when all the inhabitants fled and left the country from before Gen Burgoyne and his Army and saith my father's family moved into the town of Pownel in the State of Vermont and about the 17th day of October after Burgoyne surrendered we moved back to Fort Edward aforesaid where I resided untill sometime in the month of May in the year of 1778 when I was called out into the service under the command of Lieut Noah Payn commandant on the account of alarms almost continually during the whole time of spring and summer and sometimes we were sent out in scouting parties under the command of Col. Seth Warner and his officers who were stationed at Fort Edward and Fort George that our Country in these parts was harassed by the Indians and Tories continually and I served during this time four month when I returned to my Fathers in Fort Edward aforesaid untill in the month of September In the year 1778 I was drafted from the New York Militia and again went into the service of the United States under the command of Capt. Stockwell and Lieut Thomas Boggs and I with the company marched to Skeensborough now the town of White Hall in said County where we were stationed and sent out in scouting parties.

I scouted on and about Lake Champlain, Ticondaroga, Crown Point and many other places at which time the British kept a guard ship about five miles below Crown Point on Lake Champlain and we were frequently sent there to watch their movements I was in the service untill in December when we all were discharged. I served at this time three months and did the duty of a private soldier and returned to my Fathers in

Fort Edward aforesaid—and in the forepart of January following in the year of 1779, I was again drafted from the New York militia and I went under the command of Lieut Thomas Bradshaw Commandant and marched back to Skeensborough now the town of Whitehall aforesaid where we were stationed as a guard during the winter untill sometime in the month of April when I was discharged and I served at this time and did my duty as a private soldier three months and returned to Fort Edward aforesaid where I resided until sometime in June In the same year of 1779 I volunteered and engaged in the United States service under the command of Capt Harrison who was an officer engaged in the New York State troops for nine months service and we marched first to Fort George and then we went on board of boats and [?] and sailed down Lake George to Ticonderoga where we landed and marched through the woods to Crown Point on Lake Champlain from thence we traveled about twenty miles into the wood and went on to a mountain on the Lake Shore where we remained a few days and returned back to Fort Edward and we were imployed [employed] and went out in scouting parties continually through the woods from one place to another.

That we were engaged principally in ferreting out the Indians and Tories who were plundering killing and taking off the inhabitants prisoners into Canada I served during this time and did my duty for the term of four months. I returned then home to my father's family in the town of Fort Edward aforesaid where I resided until in the month of June in the year of 1780 when Gove George Clinton commander in chief came in person and ordered out the militia in mass, and at that time went into the service under the command of Capt Long we were directed to rendezvous at Fort Edward after which we marched to Lake George from thence we went in boats down the Lake to Ticonderoga where we remained a few days and then went to Crown Point on Lake Champlain.

It was at that time understood that the cause of this alarm was created by a party of about 500 who had come from Canada to get a quantity of Silver plate that had been secreted and buried by Sir John Johnson some where in Johnstown and our object was to cut off their retreat or return into Canada but we learned by some of our scouts probably they had got past us and beyond our reach and we returned to Fort Edward where the majority or most of the men were discharged but I continued in the service by living called on continually time after time by alarms and otherwise during the summer and fall and I served during this season altogether for the term of three months when I returned to my fathers where I resided until about the month of May in the year of 1781 I again volunteered and went into the United States service under the command of Lieut Noah Payn Commandant.

That the year before this Fort Ann and Fort George was taken by the British and Kingsbury was burnt and on the west side of the river Hudson was also burned from opposite Fort Edward to Fort Miller and a number of our officers belonging to the Malitia [militia] and men were made prisoners and taken to Canada and the Indians and Tories were Committing their depredations among us and we had to be on the look out and were driven from one place to another to stop their ravages but not withstanding all our efforts there were eleven of our most Valliant Citizens taken away

to Canada by the Indians and Tories during this Season and there were but a few efficient men left and with that a few did my duty as a private soldier three months after which I returned to the town of Fort Edward where I now reside and have resided ever since. I was born AD 1759 in the town of Warren State of Connecticut that I do not know there is record of my age except a family record.

That I never received a written discharge and have no documentary evidence and know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services except Nathan Durkee and Lydius Durkee whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

That Samuel Bennet & Otis Allen who lives In the neighbourhood who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier in the revolution.

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 any state.
(Signed) Noah Payn

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh Clk

Letter in folder dated July 15, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letters and that of Samuel Fowler Butterworth, in which requests are made for the Revolutionary War records of Noah Payn (Pain) of Albany County, New York, David Pearce (Pierce) who served in the Connecticut troops and whose widow was Phebe, and Enos Rockwell of New York, and the War of 1812 records of Captains Henry and James Butterworth of the Orange County New York militia.

There is no claim for pension on file based upon service in the Revolutionary War of the David Pearce cited by you, nor of any Enos Rockwell, nor is there a claim for pension on file based upon service in the War of 1812 of Henry or James Butterworth, nor record of issuance of warrant for bounty land on account of their services in that war; similar spellings or the surname have been used in the search of the records. The record of Noah Payn is furnished herein as it may aid you in your research; the data given were found in his claim for pension, S.23351, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Noah Payn was born July 5, 1759 in Warren, Connecticut, and, at the beginning of the Revolutionary War, lived with his father and the family at Fort Edward, Washington County, New York, the names of his parents are not given.

Noah Payn enlisted in June 1775, at Fort Edward, and served four day under Colonel Alexander Campbell. He continued to reside at Fort Edward until July 8, 1777, then fled with his father from general Burgoyne's Army to Pownal, Vermont, where he remained until; after Burgoyne's surrender, October 17, 1777, then returned of Fort Edward. He enlisted in the spring of 1778 and served four months as private under Lieutenant Noah Payn (no relationship between these two stated), a part of the time under Colonel Seth Warner who was stationed at Fort Edward, engaged against the Indians and Tories in that vicinity. He enlisted in September 1778, and served three months as private in Captain Stockwell's company, stationed a part of the time

at Skeensborough; he enlisted next in January 1779 and served three months under Lieutenant Thomas Bradshaw; he enlisted in June 1779, and served four months in Captain Harrison's New York company, then returned to his fathers' house at Fort Edward; he enlisted in June 1780 and served three months in Captain Long's New York company; he enlisted in May 1781, and served three months under Lieutenant Noah Payn, engaged on the Canadian border against the Tories and Indians.

Noah Payn was allowed pension on his application executed August 29, 1832, at which time he resided at Fort Edward, Washington County, New York. The soldier made no reference to wife or children.