

## Pension Application for Nathan Sheffield

S.14452

Private, Capt Woodworth, Col. Dickinson, N. York Line

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of common Pleas in and for the county of Cayuga and state of New York, now setting, Nathan Sheffield a resident of Depot in the county of Cayuga, and State of New York, aged 68 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<sup>th</sup> 1832:--That he entered the service under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:--

The about the last of July or the first of August AD 1779, at the town of Saratoga in the County of Albany he entered the service of the United States in the company of Captain Ephraim Woodworth as a substitute for one Zopher Skidmore, that he marched with said company to Fort Edward and continued in said service a term of eight or ten days when he was dismissed and returned home. He further declares that about the last of August aforesaid at the town aforesaid he again entered said service as a substitute for Christopher Sheffield in the company commanded by Captain Hezekiah Dunham and Lieut Benjamin Gile, that he marched with said company to Palmertown where said company was stationed with a company of nine months men as a guard—that he continued to serve at that place as such guard until about the first of January AD 1780 a time of four months when he was dismissed. He further declares that in the month of March AD 1780 he again entered said service as a volunteer in the company commanded by Lieut Philip Rogers in the Regiment commanded by Col. Dickinson, that he had a captain as he believes that he marched with said company to Palmertown where he was stationed a term of two months and a few days when he was discharged. That said company was employed during said term in building a blockhouse at that place—that he served part of the time as waiter to the commissary, Elisha Andrews—he further declares that in the month of June AD 1780 aforesaid he again entered said service as a substitute for Abner Skidman for a term of three months that he went to Fort Edward and joined a company of New York State troops commanded by Captain Morse & Lieut Doty in the Regiment then under the command of Col. McRoy & Captain Chipman and afterwards of Col. Henry Livingston. That he was he was stationed at Fort Edward during the whole of said term of three months when he was discharged.

He further declares that soon after his said discharge he joined a detachment at Fort Edward destined to go to Fort Ann and join the company of Captain Dial Sherwood. That before going to Fort Ann he was permitted to go home to Saratoga on Furlough for the purpose of procuring a supply of clothing for a term of one week that before said furlough expired, the said Fort Ann was taken by the enemy and the company of Captain Dail Sherwood taken prisoners, that he returned to Fort Edward from home and was stationed at said Fort a term of three months, that he was frequently engaged in scouting parties during said tour, that said Fort was under the Command of Colonel Livingston. That the names of his company officers he does not remember. That at the expiration of said term of three months he was dismissed and returned home. He further declares that in the month of March AD 1781, the militia company at Saratoga to which he belonged was divided into two divisions called classes, each of which class was required to raise one man to serve nine months, that he entered said service for one of said classes in the month of March aforesaid for said term of nine months, in the company commanded by Captain Silas Gray, in Col. John McKinster's Regiment. That he marched with said company to Saratoga Barracks where he continued to serve in said company about two months when he was transferred into the company of Captain Holt Dunham under Lieutenant Benoni Grant in the same regiment that he continued to serve in said company under said Dunham Grant until they were both broke of their office when said company was commanded by Captain Abraham Fundy & Lieutenant [?]

under whom he continued to serve at said place until his said term of nine months expired when he was discharged—that he was engaged in Scouting in the northern frontiers during said term—that when he marched to Saratoga Barracks, the first New York Regiment was stationed at that place—that whilst in said service he saw and knew the following named officers to wit: Col. Wisenvett, the officers of the first New York Regiment, but their names he does not remember—That he first entered service at the age of fifteen years.

That he has no other documentary evidence of said service except the accompanying [blank]

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or territory. (Signed) Nathan Sheffield

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Asahel Fitch, Judge.