

Pension Application for Nathan Stewart

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City, County & State of New York SS

On the nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty three, before me Richard Riker Recorder of the City of New York, appeared Nathan Stewart now residing in said City of New York aged seventy four years, who by reason of bodily infirmities is unable to attend in open court, being duly sworn according to the form of the act in such case made provided—Doth on oath make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the Town of Goshen in the County of Orange in the State of New York, situated twenty miles from the Town of Newburgh (which said Town of New Burgh is located on the Bank of the Hudson River) on the sixth day of November A.D. one thousand seven hundred & fifty eight—where he resided until the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy five, when the war of the revolution broke out—at which time he was enrolled as a private in Captain Swesey's Company of Militia, and belonging to a Regiment known and designated in said County as the "First Regiment" of Militia, under the command of Colonel Thurston, and Brigadier General Elliston—

And in the month of September one thousand seven hundred & seventy six he was ordered out by said Captain Swesey as a private in his said company of Militia, and employed in building Fort Montgomery (distant eighteen miles from said Goshen) and in defending the same against the British Troops from the City of New York, as they were continually subject to their attacks—where after remaining one month he returned to Goshen aforesaid—

And in the month of January one thousand seven hundred & Seventy Seven, in like manner he was ordered out and engaged as a Private in Captain Jones Company of Militia of the said "First Regiment", in construction Fort Montgomery & Fort Clinton, where he continued on month & then returned to Goshen.

And in the month of April one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven was again ordered out as Private to join Captain Sawyers Company of the said "First Regiment" to garrison Fort Montgomery where he remained one month & returned to Goshen aforesaid—

On the [blank] day of August one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven and express arrived at Goshen that Col. Brandt with his Indians were approaching the Town of Pin Pack, he was then ordered out as a Private together with the company under the command of Captain Swesey aforesaid to repair to the Fort of Pin Pack—upon arriving there, they discovered the Town had been fired & nearly consumed, the Fort was strongly attacked by Tories & Indians, but was defended with the loss of but one man, and after garrisoning the Fort at said place, & repelling the incursions of the enemy for a period of one month he returned to Goshen—

And on the twenty third day of September one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven, he was ordered out as a private in Captain Little's Company of said First Regiment to garrison said Fort Montgomery and remained there about two weeks until it was captured on the sixth day of October one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven—the same being under the immediate command General James Clinton—his brother Gov. George Clinton commanding Fort Clinton—He the said Nathan in company with one William Satterly escaped from the Fort in the night & went over the Sterling Mountain to New Windsor up the North River pursuant to Governor Clinton's orders, who previous to the attack directed his men (in case the Fort was taken) to Rendezvous if possible at New Windsor—

While the British were removing the chain, and Chevaux De Frize in the River Governor Clinton had collected troops (Militia) at New Windsor from Ulster & Orange Counties, as the British proceeded in sloops accompanied by the Roebuck Man of War & Spit Frigate (towards Kingston or Esopus) The troops under Gov. Clinton marched forward to oppose them, but on arriving in sight of Kingston, it was discovered to be in flames & was soon reduced to ashes. After remaining in the vicinity about three weeks, protecting and the inhabitants from the inroads of the enemy he returned to Goshen.

And in March one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight, he was drafted as a private under Captain Horton of the said "First Regiment", and sent to West Point to garrison the Fort at that place, & a part in constructing Water Batteries, where he remained one month & returned to Goshen.

And in June one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight he was ordered out as a Private in said Captain Swesey's Company & sent to Ramapoe New Jersey, where he remained on week & was then ordered with the rest of a company to march to Haverstraw on the Hudson river, where he was engaged for one month in protecting the neighbouring towns from the attack of the enemy—

And on the twenty second day of July one thousand seven hundred seventy eight, he was ordered out as a private, together with said Captain Swesey's Company then under the command of Lieutenant Gale (the said Captain Swesey being at the time sick) to march to the Town of Minisink, distant eighteen miles from Goshen aforesaid) in consequence of an attack of Col. Brandt with 300 Indians & 75 Tories, upon their arrival the town was nearly consumed, they had murdered many of [the] male inhabitants and carried off the women & children into the wilderness—The said Nathan together with said Swesey's Company pursued them nearly twenty miles & fell into an ambuscade—when an action commenced which continued about four hours, until the ammunition was expended—Col. Thurston our Commandant received three wounds, and seeing our fire cease for want of ammunition exclaimed, "My brave fellows, everyman for himself, and the Lord for us all".—I never will leave this ground and was afterwards found dead—He the said Nathan with those who escaped returned to Minisink, and receiving recruits returned to the scene of action to bury the dead, but were obliged to abandon it—and after staying in the vicinity about three weeks in watching the movements of the Indians, he returned to Goshen—After the death of Col. Thurston, Col. Hatfield succeeded in command—and on the twenty first day of July one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine; he the said Nathan (with one half of Captain Swesey's Company) by orders of said Col. Hatfield was drafted as a private and sent to garrison Stoney Point, after the same was captured by Gen'l Wayne, and remained in said Fort, one month & returned to Goshen. And in the month of April one thousand seven hundred & eighty—He the said Nathan with one third of the said Company under the command of said Captain Swesey was drafted & sent to the Town of Peekskill, to defend that as well as the adjacent Towns from the threatened attacks of the enemy and remaining there two months, were relieved by Regular Troops—

And the said Nathan would here on oath state that in all the before described services by him performed—he was duly drafted by orders issuing from his Colonel to the Captain of the Militia Company of which he was a private—and that he was in actual & special service as before described at the following named places & for the following named periods, vizt.

Fort Montgomery 3 ½ months

Kingston ¾ months

Pin Pack 1 month

West Point 1 month

Ramapoe N.Y. ¼ month

Minisink ¾ month

Haverstraw 1 month

Stoney Point 1 month

Peekskill 2 months

Total 11 months & ¾-- making in the whole eleven months and three weeks in which he was engaged in actual service the particulars of the above statements are taken from memorandums in his possession—but the said Nathan would further state, that he was engaged at various other times and places for a much longer period as forming one of the guard in taking prisoners from Goshen Goal to Esopus to put on board the Prison Ships —and in keeping sentry at various times at Goshen Goal aforesaid; but from his advanced age, impaired health, and consequent loss of memory is unable to

particularize the times, and durations of such service; and for which undefined service he disclaims all right to any allowance –After rendering the above described services. He the said Nathan remained in Goshen aforesaid, until the evacuation of New York by the British Troops, the twenty fifth day of November one thousand seven hundred & eighty three, at which time he accompanied General Washington's Army to New York (but not in a Military capacity) from which place he went to the Town of Blandford in Massachusetts, and remained for twenty years when he removed to the Town of Worthington in Ohio and continued about four years when he moved to the Town of Manlius in New York State, where he resided, until he came to this city which was about six years since.

And he the said Nathan further declares that he possesses no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure as to his service.

Her 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 any agency or state. (Signed) Nathan Stewart

Sworn to & subscribed in my presence the day & year first above written to wit 19th day of March 1833. R. Riker, Recorder of the City of New York.