

Pension Application for Nathaniel White

W.2299 (Widow: Priscilla)

State of Indiana

Tippecanoe County SS 1833.

Be it remembered that on this fourteenth day of November in the year eighteen hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Hon. John Killgore, sole Judge of the Tippecanoe Probate Court, in the State of Indiana, being a court of record according to the constitution & laws of said state, now at this time in Session, being the fourth judicial day of November Term 1833, Nathaniel White, a resident of the said County of Tippecanoe, now in the seventy fifth year of his age, and after being duly sworn according to law, disposes & says makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he the said Nathaniel White was born in Dutchess County in the State of New York on the 15th day of July in the year 1759. That he has a record or memorandum of this event from the family bible of his father which is now in the possession of him the said Nathaniel.

That he enlisted in the army of the revolution of the United States with Great Britain in the month of May in the year 1781 in the City of Albany in the said State of New York for the term of three years in a regiment of state troops or New York Militia commanded by Col. Marinus Willet in a battalion under the command of Maj. Josiah Throop (or as pronounced Troop) in a company of which Thomas Skinner was the Captain & Whitten Johnson the Lieutenant—that he was elected as Sergeant in said Company and always served as said sergeant. That some of his fellow soldiers were Jonathan Skinner, Michael Skinner, Jesse Hubbell & George Smith &c.

That he the said Nathaniel White served for the space of two years as sergeant in the said company commanded by said Capt Skinner and that then as the exigencies of the service did not require it and as the regiment was not full, the regiment was reduced to a battalion and placed under the command of Maj. Elias Vanbenscoten and that deponent then became a Sergeant in a company of men commanded by Capt. James Cannon & in which a certain Shaver was Lieutenant Yaales Funday acted as Adjutant when the regiment was reduced to a battalion while the troops were at Fort Plain in the Mohawk River in the state of New York to which place the troops had been marched from Albany.

Deponent further states that immediately upon his enlistment he, together with his company was marched from the City of Albany to the frontier bordering upon the Mohawk River where he continued in the service until he was marched to Poughkeepsie where he was finally discharged.

His principal stations upon said river were Fort Plain and Fort Harkamar, upon a place called the German Flatts. That he was engaged in the battle of Johnstown also another upon Canada Creek. That one night while commanding a detachment of rangers between upper & lower Canada Creeks, he observed the smoke of an Indian fire at a distance & with the men under him made an attack upon the Indians, destroyed them & risk [???] finally [finally] from death. That he was almost daily

engaged in skirmishes from death. That he was almost daily engaged in skirmishes with the enemy but does not recollect any worthy of particular record.

Deponent further states that in the month of December in the year 1783 while in the service aforesaid & acting as Sergeant aforesaid he was ordered with a detachment of twelve miles to range from Fort Plain to Saratoga & that upon his return to Fort Plain, his battalion had been ordered back to the City of Albany in the state of New York for the purpose of being discharged from the service as the war did not any longer require their services—

That he then proceeded to Albany and there discovered that Major Van Benscoten had discharged the rest of the battalion & with his men he the said Nathaniel then proceeded to Poughkeepsie where he the said Nathaniel with those of his fellow soldiers with him received a regular discharge on the 13th day of January in the year 1784 from the said Maj. Elias Vanbenscouden and that the same was signed by him as Major command of the battalion aforesaid.

That he the said Nathaniel White applied in the year 1838 in May to Mr. Calkout while Secy of War for a pension which application was made before Judge Joseph Layton, one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Clark County Ohio.

That the discharge given to deponent by said Maj. Elias Vanbenscouden was by deponent given up to said Judge Layton to be forwarded to the War Department at Washington and that the said discharge either never was returned from the department to Judge Layton to be forwarded to the War Department at Washington and that the said discharges either never was returned from the department to Judge Layton or if returned was not delivered to deponent by said Layton among his other papers.

That where deponent called on said Layton for his papers returned from Washington, said Layton informed deponent (after a search among his papers of more than three hours) that said discharge had been by him lost, mislaid or destroyed, if it was returned from the Secretary of War. That said Layton is since deceased and deponent never has been able to find or procure said discharge, tho he has made every exertion so to do. deponent is therefore unable to state how or when said discharge has been lost or mislaid.

Deponent further states that he was living in Albany County in the state of New York when he made his voluntary enlistment in the service. That after he was discharged from said service, to within the year 1805, he emigrated from the County of Otsego, to which he had removed from Albany County in the year 1795, to the County of Lyceming in the State of Pennsylvania, where he deponent resided for the space of seven years and in the year 1812 removed thence into Clark County in the State of Ohio, from which last place he removed into Tippecanoe County in the State of Indiana his present residence, where he arrived on the 7th day of November 1828 & Judge Key resided.

That he was born in Dutchess County & removed to Albany County with his father when 15 years of age, when he lived when he enlisted.

That he has long since left the scenes of his early acquaintance & friends & emigrated to the West, he now has no knowledge of any person who is acquainted with his services & who is able to testify thereto. That deponent recollects his being acquainted in said campaign with Col. VanScoit as one of the regular officers of the U. S. Army.

That a certain Col. Holden of the Rhode Island volunteers or Continental Army marched in the same company with his deponent regiment through the wilderness, for the purpose of taking a certain fort called Otsego or [?] as he recollects-& that with his fellow soldiers he suffered great privation in said campaign.

Deponent is unable to produce the certificate of any clergyman to be annexed to this declaration because there is no one residing in his neighborhood nor any in the county to which the deponent [?] Deponent was a volunteer in the revolutionary army. He served only under one enlistment which was for three years but only served from the month of May 1781 until 13th day of January 1784 during the whole of which time he [?] as a sergeant.

Deponent states the names of Robert Williams, Stephen Kennedy Esq, Judge John Brordtm Dr. Durkee, Samuel clark Esq. Henry Durkee, Judge William Allen, and James Johnson &c &c to whom he is known in his neighbourhood & whocan testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Nathaniel White

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 14th day of November 1833.

Saml Hoover Clk

Letter in folder dated October 24, 1923, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for the Revolutionary War records of Nathaniel White and Jacob Lane.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims made to the United States for pension and bounty land based upon the military service of soldiers in that war. A search of the records fails to show such claim on file on account of the service of the Jacob Lane described by you.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension vlain, W.2299, based upon the military service of Nathaniel White.

He was born July 25, 1759, in Dutchess County, New York. When he was fifteen years of age he moved with his father (name not given) to Albany County, New York, and was living there when he enlisted.

He enlisted at Albany in May, 1781, served as sergeant in Captain Thomas Skinner's company in Colonel Marinus Willett's New York regiment and in Captain James Cannon's company in Major Elias Van Benschoten's New York battalion, was in the battle of Johnstown and an engagement on Canada creek and was discharged January 13, 1784.

In 1795 he moved from Albany County to Otsego County, New York, in 1805 he moved to Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, in 1812 he moved to Clark County, Ohio, and in 1828 he moved to Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

He died January 25, 1836.

Soldier married December 23, 1834, Priscilla Goldberry of Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

She was allowed pension on her application executed February 23, 1853, at which time she was sixty-one years of age and a resident of Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

The papers in this claim contain no further data relative to the soldier's family.