

State of New York  
Ontario County 3 p.

On this twenty seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the County Court now sitting, Nathaniel Cowles assessor of Hoopewill County and State aforesaid, aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare and make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7. 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

1<sup>st</sup> At Sheffield in the State of Massachusetts on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 1776, he enlisted in Captain Enoch Nobles Company in Colonel Benjamin Simonds Regiment, for the term of two months and was marched to Kingsbridge and there joined the army under General Washington. Was ordered back to Valentines Hill and the next day marched to Waxstavern and was there under arms for two days, and then ordered to White Plains and there encamped. Soon after engaged in the Battle at White Plains, and after the British returned to New York, the army moved up the River, and when his time expired he went home and was discharged.

2<sup>d</sup> In May 1777 at Sheffield in Captain William Fellows Company in Colonel John Ashleys Regiment enlisted to go to the northward, without the limits and was in the service until 18<sup>th</sup> October, after the surrender of General Burgoyne and then went home.

He knows of no person now living that served with him. He has no documentary evidence.

Was born in Lebanon in Connecticut 18<sup>th</sup> October 1755. He has a record of his age now produced in Court.

In 1778 moved from Sheffield to Spencer town



and lived there seven years, and then moved to Putney in Vermont, then to Cornwall in Vermont, thence to Fairfield in the same State and 24 years ago removed to Hopewell where I now live - never had a written discharge He knows, Timothy Dunham and James Birdseye

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the } day & year aforesaid - in open Court } Nathaniel Cook

We James Birdseye and Timothy Dunham residing in the town of <sup>Hopewell</sup> ~~Cornwall~~ in the County of State aforesaid certify that we are well acquainted with Nathaniel Cook who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy seven years of age; that his reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resided to have been a Soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in that opinion

Sworn & subscribed the } day & year aforesaid } in open Court }

Timothy Dunham  
James Birdseye

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the Court further certifies that James Birdseye and Timothy Dunham who have signed the preceding certificate are both residents of the town of Hopewell, are credible persons, and that their statement is entitled to credit.



State of New York  
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In the matter of Nathaniel Cowles  
Application for a pension

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for said County, Nathaniel Cowles, who being duly sworn according to Law doth depose and say that the reason why he did not have a clergyman to support his application for a pension before the County Court on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832, was, that in the Society to which he belongs there is no settled clergyman, and he could not conveniently procure one - He is required to mention with precision the length of his service, and the grades in which he served, and also to answer the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department - The four first interrogatories he has answered in his original declaration, and to the 5<sup>th</sup> interrogatory he now says - that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot give the names of any of the Regiments that were in the service at the same time with him - There was a large number of Troops - He saw General Washington and also General Patterson at Kings Bridge - He saw General Putnam at White Plains - also General Lee - this was in 1776 - In 1777 He marched to Fort Edward, then to Fort Ann, and Saratoga, as set forth under his 1<sup>st</sup> head in his original declaration - He enlisted for six months and served out the full time - He saw General Gates at Saratoga, and General Schuyler at Fort Edward, but he does not remember the names of any other Regiments - In his original declaration he stated that he enlisted for this Campaign in May 1777 - He now says that he must have been mistaken, and that he joined Captain Fellows Company in April 1777 for he is confident that he served in this Campaign not less than six months - In answer to the 6<sup>th</sup> interrogatory he now says that he never received a written discharge - The 7<sup>th</sup> interrogatory he has answered - He served as under his first head not less than 2 months, and under his 2<sup>nd</sup> head not less than six months, in all eight months as a private soldier for which he claims a pension -

Sworn to and subscribed  
this 29 day of January 1833  
before me

Nathaniel Cowles