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Connecticut 17591

Nathan Chittenden

Guilford in the State of Conn
who was a Pri. Ser. in the Conn command
by Captain _____ of the Regt command
by Col Sage in the Conn State Troop
time for 24 mo

Inscribed on the Roll of Conn
at the rate of 87 Dollars 60 Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 26 day of Aug
1870 and Rev. Claimant
Guilford Conn.

Accrued to the 1st of March 37. \$ 175.32
Pens-ant. allowances ending

4383
\$278.10

Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832.

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of Connecticut, } ss. Guilford - 1832
County of New-Haven,

On this ~~third~~ ^{third} day of August - personally appeared, ~~in open Court, before the~~ ^{Probate} Court of Guilford district now sitting, ~~Nathan Chittenden~~ ^{Nathan Chittenden} a resident of said Guilford in the County of New-Haven, and State of Connecticut, aged 75 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, 1832: - That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: -

That he was born at Guilford as appears by the annexed certificate Oct. 17th A.D. 1757 that he remained at Guilford until appointed to a trade in his eighteenth year in Wallingford - that he made his first enlistment at that place some time in January, 1776 into a regiment of state troops commanded by Col. James Madaworth of Durham & into a company commanded by Capt Jesse Morse of Cheshire & was recruited by ~~him~~ ^{him} Lieut. Thomas Shepherd of Wallingford. The other officers of the regiment he does not remember except that his Lieut Col.'s name was Sage of Middletown - marched next by separate companies to Cambridge where the regiment was collected about the first of February 1776 - went soon after to Roxbury thence in a detachment to Dorchester Heights the first night the Americans broke ground on the hill - Had four of our men killed by the cannon balls fired from the shipping and the town - He was on the hill when the British left Boston. Went on to the Dorchester Heights about the first of March 1776 - that the British left Boston on the 17th of the same month - that on the next day his regiment marched into Boston that they were afterwards stationed about a mile west of Roxbury until discharged - that they were discharged however at Cambridge about the first of May that he was out about three months and a half - He says that there are no officers of the regiment that are now living within his knowledge and no privates except Levi Parker of Wallingford whose deposition has been procured and accompanies this declaration

The deponent further states in his own words that in returning to Madingford I was drafted in June 1776 into a company of which Joel Hall of Madingford was Captain and attached to a regiment under Col Chester of Westfield, I think his Christian name was John - though I do not certainly recollect. Our Lieutenant's name was Mrs Cooley and our ensigns Andrew Bartholomew both of Madingford - We went to New York thence to Long Island and were in the retreat from Long Island to New York. I was one of several picked out for our own men to the boats that brought off the troops from the Island I was attached to a whale boat which was the last boat but one in leaving the island. From New York we went to White Plains where we remained until discharged which was the last of September or the first of October we were out about four months - I do not know of any living either officers or privates who were out with me in that Campaign -

I returned to Madingford and in the Spring of 1777 I think about the first of May I enlisted into the state troops as a Corporal for eight months under Capt James Peck of Madingford into a Regiment commanded by Col Roger Eng of Salisbury - Our Company collected at New Haven and we went through Danbury and joined our regiment at Bishkill We did duty there with a Corps of Continental troops composed of three regiments commanded by Col Webb Col Meigs and Colonel Miller - On the evening of the day of Rejoicing ^{for the capture of Gen Burgoyne} we were detached with a part of Col Meigs Regiment command by Major Leavenworth and by marching by night ^{to} to Snags Point in West Chester there we found a part of De Lancey's light horse - We were ordered to march with our guns unloaded and with our bayonets fixed - We succeeded in taking them by night by surprise - not giving them any time to haul us once before we were upon him - We took at that time forty two Prisoners -

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We then went half a mile farther down the river where we found two British sloops loaded with provisions, we took the sailors prisoners and burnt the sloops and returned with our prisoners to White Plains the next day at or near which place we remained till January ensuing when we were discharged at or near Mordenok - we were out in that service eight months - I do not know of any officers living that were out with us in this campaign though there are several privates of whom I know John Potter and Elisha Foot and Sergeant Joseph Barnes all of N. B. Bennett Jeremiah Hull and Schabud Ives of Wallingford of Wallingford and John Fields of Cheshire. Elisha Foot's deposition has been taken and will appear annexed to this declaration and also that of John Fields -

I returned to Wallingford where I was drafted the last of July or first of August 1778 as a Sergeant into a Company commanded by Captain Ches. Norton of Durham belonging to a Regiment under one Col. Morthington whose Christian name I do not recollect. We went by companies and joined our regiment at Providence Rhode Island, Our Company was afterwards detached and went from Providence to Warwick neck as a guard. This was about the time the French fleet under D'Estaing came up Narraganset Bay and failing in taking Newport afterwards left and sailed for Boston.

We were on duty in this tour three months and were discharged at Providence - I do not know any officer or soldier now that I recollect having been out with me in this service -

I went next after my return to Wallingford as a volunteer in the year 1779 to Danbury at the time that town was burnt and Genl Wooster was killed, I went in the general excitement which then prevail'd - we went without much order through New Haven Derby Shelton and followed the British down after Danbury was burnt. After we heard the British had gone aboard their fleet at Camps Hill we returned home. I was attached to a company commanded by

Stephen Androp of Wallingford - we were out but one week
I do not know ^{that} any officers or soldiers are now living
that were out with me in this service -

I next enlisted at Wallingford into a company
which was stationed for a guard at New Haven
commanded by Capt. Ephraim Cooke of Shelton
we enlisted for three months and went from Wallingford
to New Haven and were there during the whole
period this was in 1779 I think we commenced
service in March - I went after completing my
time of enlistment to Wallingford - I believe there
are none living that were out with me in this time.

About the first of July following AD 1779
I went as a volunteer at the time Springfield was burnt
through E. Warren & New Haven to Springfield we did not
arrive till the British had retired and ^{in the} returned
after having been out one week. I was in a company
commanded by Capt. Stephen Androp of Wallingford
I believe there are now living either officers or
privates that were out with me in this service

In the Spring of AD 1780 I should think
about the middle of May I enlisted at Wallingford
for five months into a company of State artillery
commanded by Capt. Roth I think his Christian
name was E. Pophoditus. We lived afterwards at
Wallingford our Lieutenants were Stephen Osborne
and Samuel Lewis both of Wallingford. After
the company was formed we went to Middletown
and got two brass ^{3 Pounder} Cannon that had been taken from
Bungoyne and Anamitten. We had 3 horses to carry
pieces - the rest next to Wallingford where we remained
except we marched once or twice to New Haven. We
did duty every day except Sunday; we had a Capt.
sent to us from the Continental Army whose name
was Bryant and who had lost an arm sent to us
to instruct us in the use of Artillery - We then our
wages & provisions at the end of our time we
were discharged - I have made enquiries and
cannot learn that there is one individual now
living who was in this service either officer or private

I make my whole time of service about two years and three months in all the campaigns in which I served - I have no official papers - and never received any discharges - the custom was to call the company together at the end of service and tell them they were discharged - After my last discharge I remained at Wallingford until 1801 when I removed to Guilford where I have ever since resided -

It may be proper to state that I never was employed as a substitute nor ever employed anyone as a substitute for myself - For my neighbors as a reference I would refer to Deacon Samuel Robinson, Deacon Abraham Chittenden, Judge Nathaniel Griffing, Samuel Fowler Esq. also to John A. Fort Esq. of Cheshire and John D. Reynolds of Wallingford

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, except that of the State of

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Nathan Chittenden

before me Reuben Elliott Judge

We, Aaron Dutton a Clergyman, residing in Guilford and Nathaniel Griffing, residing in Guilford hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Nathan Chittenden who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration; that we believe him to be 75 years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Aaron Dutton
Nathaniel Griffing
before me Reuben Elliott Judge

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 it appears to them that Aaron Dutton who has signed the preceding certificate, is a clergyman, resident in Guilford and that Nathaniel Griffing who has also signed the same, is a resident in Guilford and is a credible person, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I, George Griswold Clerk of the Probate Court of Guilford District do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of Nathan Chittenden for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this third day of August 1832.

George Griswold Clerk



Nathan Chittenden son of Nathan & Ruth Chittenden
born October 19th 1757. —————

A true Copy from the Records of the Town of Guilford

Attest Samuel Fowler Town Clerk. —————

I George Griswold Clerk of the Court of Probate for the
District of Guilford do hereby certify that Samuel
Fowler is or John Clerk of the Town of Guilford in New
Haven County duly qualified & that the foregoing Certified
Copy of Record bears his genuine Signature. —————

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed the Seal of this Office. this 6th Day
of October 1839.



George Griswold Clerk of the Court
of Probate for Guilford District. —————

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

Scie 183 J

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 1, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace (thus. }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of *Nathan Christensen* *Cap*

| Period when the service was rendered. | Duration of the claimant's service. | | | Rank of the claimant. | Name and rank of the Field or Force under whom he served. | Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service. | Proof by which the declaration is supported. |
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| | Year. | Month. | Days. | | | | |
| <i>Jan 76</i> | <i>not stated</i> | | | <i>1st</i> | <i>Co. Wadsworth -</i> | <i>27⁵</i> | <i>Ordly first copy</i> |
| <i>Jan 76</i> | <i>about 4</i> | | | <i>"</i> | <i>Chester -</i> | | |
| <i>Subst'd July '77</i> | <i>8</i> | | <i>Comdr</i> | <i>"</i> | <i>Eno -</i> | | |
| <i>Subst'd Aug '78</i> | <i>not stated</i> | | <i>Sargt</i> | <i>"</i> | <i>Northampton -</i> | | |
| <i>1879</i> | | <i>7</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>Capt. Androp -</i> | | |
| <i>Subst'd 79</i> | <i>3</i> | | <i>1st</i> | <i>"</i> | <i>Cook -</i> | | |
| <i>July '79</i> | | <i>7</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>Capt. Androp -</i> | | |
| <i>Subst'd July '80</i> | <i>5</i> | | <i>1st Lt</i> | <i>"</i> | <i>Bryant -</i> | | |

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

Nathan Christensen