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SERVICE

NUMBER

New York

Ketchum, Nathaniel
Ketcham,

N. 20,310

Polly

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New York 2117

Polly Ketchum, decd.

widow of Nathaniel Ketchum

who died on the 9. Decr. 1807
of Orange, in the State of N York
who was a Lieutenant in the Army commanded
by Captain Jackson of the Regt. commanded
by _____ in the N York
line for 7 mos. 13 days.
Increased from \$ 83.56

Inscribed on the Roll of New York, City
at the rate of 99 Dollars 10 Cents per annum,
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1834, & ending
1st Sept. 1839.

Certificate of Pension issued the 13. day of January
1843. _____ and sent to Hon. J.
G. Clinton. H. Reps.

Appears to the 1st of
Semi-annual allowances ending

{ Revolutionary Claim,
Act July 4, 1836,
Section the

Recorded by _____ Clerk,
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Payable to Azubah Ketchum
Temperance Hall, either
Oliver and Abijah Ketchum
surviving children of Polly
Ketchum deceased.

For report see letter to Agent Jy 13. 43
New certificate issued 13 Feb. 1843
sent to Hon. J. G. Clinton, House
of Representatives.

Replied to Agent, see letter
13. Feb. 1843.

Letter to Pension Agent 15 Aug 1843.

State of New York

Orange County

On the twenty eighth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas, held in and for the said County of Orange, Polly Ketchum a resident of the town of Warwick in the County of Orange and State of New York, aged eighty five years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836 that she is the widow of Nathaniel Ketchum who was a Lieutenant ^{captain} in ~~John~~ ^{John} ~~Heathorn's~~ ^{Heathorn's} Regiment of Militia when at home and when he went out into the Service of the United States in the militia as hereinafter stated.

That the first time her husband the said Nathaniel Ketchum was called into the Service of the United States was the month of June or July in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six as a Lieutenant in Captain John Jacksons Company she cannot state the Regiment, that her said husband left his residence in the town of Warwick aforesaid to go to Long Island that ~~he~~ ^{she} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~intended~~ ^{intended} for five months and that he was absent for that term of five months that he stated when he come home that he was in the American Army on Long Island and retreated to Brooklyn heights from that to New York and from there to Kings bridge and from there to White Plains before the British Army when the British Army captured New York.

That her said husbands next Service that she can recollect in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary war was as a Lieutenant but she cannot recollect his ^{rank} or any of his affairs or where he was stationed, but she recollect that he was in the American ^{Army} on the last mentioned occasion for the term of two months that she believes her husband served in the American ^{Army} on several other occasions but

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That her said husband next service that she can recollect in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary war was as a Lieutenant but she cannot recollect his Captain or any of his officers or where he was stationed ^{at about the year 1776 in the} but she recollect that he was in the American ^{Army} on the last mentioned occasion for the term of two months that she believes her husband served in the American ^{Army} on several other occasions but

from the great length of time and the consequent loss of memory
she cannot state the times or place -

1772
1773
She further declares that she was married to the said
Nathaniel Kitchum on the twenty sixth day of May in the
Year one thousand seven hundred and seventy three that her
husband the ~~said~~ Nathaniel Kitchum died in the ninth
day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and
twenty seven and that she has remained a widow ever
since that period - that she was married to the said Nathaniel
Kitchum at the time above stated by the Reverend Nathaniel
Hart a Presbyterian Clergyman at the house of said Nathaniel
Kitchum ^{in the town of Northampton County of Orange} but she has never had a certificate of her marriage
that said Nathaniel Hart has been dead several years that
she lived with the said Nathaniel Kitchum from the time
of their marriage up to the time his death as above stated
as will more fully appear by reference to affidavits & proof
hereto annexed that Polly Dolsen widow of Isaac Dolsen is
the only person living who says she was present at her marriage
Sworn and subscribed on the day & year above written

before me May 29th 1858
Gibbey L. Fairbank
of Orange County Va. Polly Kitchum

Tours of duty of Lieutenant Hetchum was each at Minisinks
in the winter and about ten days in each tour of
duty as last mentioned deponent was a private in Captain
Wood's Company and Lieutenant Hetchum was in Captain
Menters Company but is not certain that Captain Menters
was there but thinks he was. that these tours at Minisinks
was before & after the Minisinks battle

That deponent was out with Lieutenant Hetchum on
various other occasions that this deponent cannot detail
and further deponent saith not

Sworn & subscribed by the said ^{his} William ^{Jr} Winfield
William Winfield with his marks who _{marks}

Does not write his name in consequence
of infirmities and I certify that
he is a credible witness

Edw. Thomas a Supreme Court
Commissioner for Orange County

State of New York

Orange County ss. Samuel Fitcham being duly sworn saith that he is aged almost eighty one ~~years~~ that he is a Brother to Nathaniel Fitcham ^{deceased} that some time since he made an affidavit to the request of Polly Fitcham the widow of said ~~Nathaniel~~ Nathaniel Fitcham that this deponent then stated that the said Nathaniel Fitcham tested as a Lieutenant in Captain Jacksons Company in Col M^cDougals Regiment and his now Son and is confident that the said Nathaniel Fitcham tested as a Lieutenant in Captain Jacksons Company and served five months in the summer of 1776 commencing his service on Long Island retreated to New York Kings bridge from there to White Plains and was discharged after the battle at White Plains that Capt Jackson was either sick or something was the matter that was not with the army some said he fastened his disease George Kern was the second Lieutenant of the same Company and like Capt Jackson left the Company during the whole or the greater part of that enlistment and whether any other Captain was placed over Lieutenant Fitcham this deponent does not know but he is sure that Lieutenant Fitcham had the Command of said Company when the Army retreated from Brooklyn to New York and this deponent verily believes that Col M^cDougal Commanded the Regiment but may be mistaken as to the Colonel

That in the year 1777 Lieutenant Fitcham performed a tour of duty in Captain Minthens Company of Matotins that they were at Rumsapo and ordered to March to the North and he thinks had got to New Windsor or Little Britain when he heard that Bergoens army was taken that about that time a quantity of Arms and military Stores arrived from

Ordered that Captain Mentions Company was ordered
with others to guard the same to Easton in the
State of Pennsylvania that in this tour of duty the
deponent thinks they were but about three months
Major Poppo & Col John Heathon Commanding and
went with the guard to Easton that Lieutenant
Ketchum was but during the whole of this tour
that deponent belonged to the same company

In the year 1779 the deponent was ordered out in Capt
Mentions Company of the late Lieutenant Nathaniel Ketchum
Col John Heathons Regiment and went to West Point was
there when when General Mays left to capture Stony Point
and after the capture of that post by Genl Mays
Col Heathons Regiment was ordered down the Hudson
River to Havens town and was but in this tour about
two months Lieutenant Ketchum served the whole tour
and further saith not

Samuel Ketchum

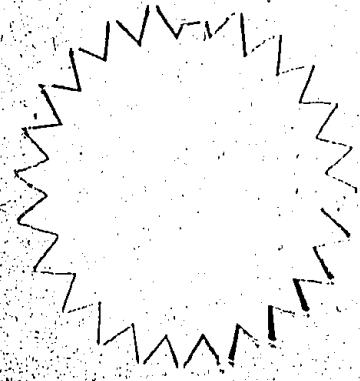
Sworn and Subscribed this
18th day of July 1838 before me
and I Certify the deponent
Samuel Ketchum to be a credible
witness Col. Munsie a Supreme
Court Commissioner for Orange
County

WAR DEPARTMENT.

REVOLUTIONARY CLAIM.

I certify that, in conformity with the law of the United States, of the 4th July 1836

Polly Ketchum deceased, of New York, widow of Nathaniel Ketchum deceased, who was a Lieutenant in the Revolution was entitled to receive Ninety nine dollars and ten cents per annum commencing on the 1st March 1831 and having died on the 11th September eighteen hundred & thirty nine the amount due up to that date is payable to Azubah Ketchum, Temperance Ketchum, Gill Ketchum, ~~Arthur Ketchum~~, ~~Hariz Ketchum~~, and Abijah Ketchum; only surviving children of Polly Ketchum deceased, Increased from \$83.56.
Former payments to be deducted.



Given at the War Office of the United States, this Seventeenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty-~~three~~

Examined and
Countersigned.

J. L. C.
Cor

May 25, 1940

Mrs. E. T. Mitchell
Box 271
Glenbrook, Connecticut

BA-J/MCS
Nathaniel Ketchum, W.20310

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter of April 11, 1940, in which you request information relative to Revolutionary War soldiers, Isaac Caril Ketchum, Ketcham or Ketchum, and Nathaniel Ketcham, Ketcham or Ketchum.

The Revolutionary War records of this office fail to afford any information relative to an Isaac or Caril Ketchum, searched under all spellings of the surname.

The data which follow were taken from papers on file in the pension claim, W.20310, based on the military service of the only Nathaniel Ketchum (searched under all spellings of the surname) that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

The date and place of birth of Nathaniel Ketchum and the names of his parents are not shown.

While living in Warwick, Orange County, New York, Nathaniel Ketchum served as first lieutenant with the New York troops as follows: from about the first of March, 1776, four months under Captain John Wisner and was stationed at Fort Constitution; from June or July, 1776, five months under Captain John Jackson and Colonel William Allison; in the winter of 1777, three months under Colonel William Allison; from about September, 1777, about three months under Captain John Minthorn and Colonel John Hathorn; in the fall of 1778, about one month and ten days under Captain Minthorn and Colonel Hathorn; from about the last of September, 1779, about two months under Captain Minthorn and Colonel John Hathorn.

Nathaniel Ketchum died December 9, 1827.

This officer married in Goshen, Orange County, New York, May 26, 1773, Polly Drake.

As the widow of Nathaniel Ketchum, Polly Ketchum (her personal signature Ketchum) was allowed pension on her application executed May 28, 1838, at which time she was living in Warwick, New York, aged eighty-five years.

Polly Ketchum died September 4 or 11, 1838, and was survived by the following children: Asubah Ketchum, Temperance, Dill, Esther Haize or Hauze and Abia or Abijah Ketchum. —?

In 1838, reference was made to the widow's grandchildren but no names were given.

The widow had a brother, Joshua Drake, and the soldier had a brother Ezra Ketchum ~~but both were dead~~ in 1838. In that year the soldier's brother, Samuel Ketchum, was living in Warwick, New York, aged about eighty-one years.

There are no further data relative to family.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator