

Pension Application for Nathaniel Tomkins, or Tompkins

S.42505

State of New York

Otsego County SS.

On this 20 day of June 1820, personally appeared in open court, being the court of Common Pleas of the County of Otsego & State of New York & being a Court of Record & proceeding according to the principles of the Common Law, with power of fine & imprisonment Nathan Tompkins aged seventy eight years resident in said County of Otsego, who first being sworn according to law doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows in Captain Smith's Company in Colonel Cortlands Regiment of New York Troops. That on the eighth day of April 1818 he made his declaration and has received his pension but the number of his certificate he cannot tell as he has left it at home and it has fatigued him so much in coming to Court that he is unable to go back after it.

And I Nathaniel Tompkins do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & be me Subscribed. (Signed with his mark) Nathan Tompkins

Sworn to & declared on this 20th June 1820 before the court. Geo. Morell Clk.

Letter in folder dated February 16, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information relative to Nathaniel Tomkins or Tompkins, soldier of the War of the Revolution from New York, and a pensioner from April 8, 1818.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim W.42505, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Nathaniel Tomkins or Tompkins, the name is found under both spellings.

The date and place of birth of this soldier are not shown, nor are the names of his parents given.

He enlisted sometime in 1776, was a private in Captain Israel Smith's company; in Colonel P. VanCortland's New York regiment and served until the close of the war.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 8, 1818, then seventy-six years of age and a resident of Worcester, Otsego County, New York.

He stated in 1820 that he had no wife and at that time referred to his children, but gave no names. One John Tomkins (his person signature) made affidavit in 1818 in Otsego County, New York, no relationship to the soldier shown.

The soldier died April 8, 1822.