

Pension Application for Jonas Adams

S.22617 & R.42. (Widow: Mary) Jonas was born Nov 16, 1761. Died at Ramapo, NY July 4, 1838.

State of New York

Rockland County SS

On this Eighth day of November in the year 1837 personally appeared before me Abraham B. Stephens, one of the Judges in and for said County; Jonas Adams, a resident of the town of Clarkstown, in the said county; aged 76 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 the 7th 1832.

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

That in the month of April, in the year 1777, he enlisted at Newtown, in the State of Massachusetts for eight months, under Capt. Edward Richardson of Watertown in said State in a Regiment commanded by Coln Poor of Stoneham, and after being so enlisted was marched to West Point on the West Shoar [shore] of the Hudson river, and was their [there] stationed a [at] doing guard duty and assisted to build Fort Put, and was there discharged after having served out his enlistment and went home to Newtown—

That in the month of May in the year 1780, he enlisted at Newtown aforesaid, for six months, under Capt Moredock to go to West Point to fill up the Regiments there, and after being so enlisted, went to West Point and was placed in a company commanded by Capt. Story, in Coln Michael Jacksons Regiment, who was soon thereafter promoted to General, and served part of the time at West Point, and was in the guard at Tappan town on the fourth day of October, when Major Andrie was executed and was discharged and to the best of his recollection at the Tenerof plains, in the state of New Jersey in the month of November after the term of his enlistment was expired.

That about the first of June in the year 1778, he enlisted at Newtown aforesaid for six montsh under Capt. Thomas Hovey, the Coln name has slept his memory but Major Samuel Moredock was Major in the Regiment first went to Bristol in the State of Rhode Island, and served out his term of enlistment there and at other places on the Island, and was discharged in the ;month of December.

That in the month of June in the year 1779 early in said month, he enlisted at Newtown aforesaid, under the same Capt in the same Regiment in which he served in the year 1778, for six months, and went to Rhode Island and there served out his term of enlistment, was there when the British evacuated Rhode Island, and assisted to take a British Bessel that came into Newport Harbor after the British army had left it ladened with provision, and was there discharged in the month of December.

That in the year 1781, he well recollects that he served two enlistments one of three months the other two months, which periods he served in Rhode Island, but he has entirely forgotten the names of the Capt and the name of the Coln.

That he (agreeable to what was told him by his father) was born on the sixteenth day of November in the year 1761, at Newtown aforesaid.

That he received his discharge in writing at the expiration of each tour of duty, which are now all gone not thinking them to be of any further use after the war was over.

That he resided at Newtown and in Boston from his infancy until the year 1828, since which time he has resided in the town of Clarkstown aforesaid.

That during all the services by him above set forth he served as a private soldier.

That he was acquainted with Generals Washington, Arnold, Putman, Glover, Lee, Wayne and Baron Stuben [Steuben].

That he has no documentary evidence to substantiate his claim, and does not know of a single person now living that he can prove any of his services by, that shortly after the act of June 7, 1832, was passed he took every method in his power to find out if any person was still living that he could prove his service by but hitherto has been unable to find any, and is now so old and so much afflicted with bodily infirmity he is scarcely able to leave his room, and must now submit his case, on his own oath and the muster rolls of said Regiments under whom he served having not even traditional testimony to offer.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Jonas Adams

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Abm. B. Stephens, Judge.