

Pension Application for Nathan Adams

W.25336 (Widow: Polly) Nathan was born 1760. Died June 5, 1853.

Nathan Adams of Dummerston in the county of Windham and State of Vermont, aged seventy three years, makes the following in addition to his former declaration for a Pension, he stated in his former declaration, that he engaged in the line of the Mass. militia for four months in 1776 at Barre Mass, in Capt Knowlton's Co., Colo Dieke's Regiment and that he was partially induced to make the above statement, from a conversation he had with Abiel Child, whose affidavit, he heretofore did, and does now transmit to the war department, and who has since deceased.

He now states that he enlisted, at Barre Mass. in Sept. 1776 as a private into Capt Ezekiel Knowlton's Company in Colo. Dyke's Reg. For six months,--that he joined the company at Waltham Mass, soon after his enlistment, was marched with the company, to Roxbury, Mass. and was stationed there about two months on duty was guarding the fort & barracks there--was then marched to Dorchester Point and was stationed there four months, employed in guarding the Forts and cannon, that he was dismissed at said Dorchester in March 1777--that he served, at that time in the Revolutionary War, six months--

That he enlisted again at said Barre in Sept 1777 in Capt. Earl's company and Colo Keye's Regiment, for six months in the Mass. line--that he was marched, soon after the time of his enlistment, with the Regiment to Rhodeisland [Rhode Island] was stationed at Providence & occupied the Colleges for barracks, two or three weeks--was then marched to Tivertown & [?] & was then marched to Providence again, remained there about two weeks--was marched along the sea shore untill his [he] was discharged which was the last of March or first of April 1778.

That he enlisted again as a private into the army of [the] Untied States in July 1778at Rutland Mass, into Capt Newell's company for six weeks--was march[ed] with the company to Providence & there the company to which he belonged was marched to Seahawk as a guard, remained there two or three weeks, was ordered to join the Regiment & did join it at a pace called Slate's Ferry, was then conveyed in boats on to Rhode Island--was employed at the lower end of the Island fortifying and entrenching--was there at the time of the battle & when the British evacuated--was brought off the Island in the night--our company was then marched to Tiverton, as a guard, Cole Whitney frequently came there and he with the company were requested & did stay about two weeks after the six weeks for which he enlisted was out--was dismissed at Tiverton, with the company, the fore part of sept 1778--Served at that time two months--Genl. Sullivan commanded.

That he enlisted again as a private, at Rutland Mass., he thinks the last of Oct. 1778--for six months in Capt Hartwell's company, was employed with the company, the whole six months in guarding the British prisoners which was taken at the surrender [of] Burgoyne. There was only one company there at the time, a Major Whitney was there a [at] several times during said six months--was discharged at said Rutland in March 1779--he served at that time six months being the term of time for which he enlisted--

That his father, Daniel Adams was called upon to serve six months & came to Rutland about the time that his last term of service for which he enlisted had elapsed, his father was old & requested him to serve in his place & that he enlisted again at said Rutland in March 1779, for six month[s] into a company commanded by Capt Livermore was employed at said Rutland during the six months, for which he last enlisted, in guarding the prisoners (Burgoyne's men)—when his last term of service had elapsed he was discharged at said Rutland in Sept 1779—immediately after his last inlistment [enlistment] he was appointed corporal and served in that capacity during said six months—He did not state is last term of his service in his former declaration, as he had no witness, by whom he could prove his service of the same.

He refers to his former affidavits, with an additional one of Jason Hawes, all which he here transmits to the War department. (Signed) Nathan Adams.

Dummerston Windham County Vermont Oct 30, 1833.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Marshall Miller Justice of the Peace.

Letter in folder dated March 8, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.25336, it appears that Nathan Adams was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, in 1760. During the Revolution he resided at Barre and Rutland, Massachusetts and served as a private in the Massachusetts Troops as follows:

From September 1776 for 6 months in captain Ezekiel Knowlton's Company, Colonel Dike's Regiment.

From September 1777 for 6 months in Captain Earl's Company, Colonel Keyes' Regiment.

From July 1778 for 2 months in captain Newell's Company, Colonel Whitney's Regiment.

From October 1778 for six months in Captain Hartwell's Company.

As a substitute for his father, David or Daniel Adams, from March 1779 for 6 months as a Corporal in Captain Livermore's Company.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 2, 1832, while a resident of Dummerston, Windham County, Vermont. He died there June 5, 1835.

Soldier married November 18, 1827, Polly Sterns of Dummerston, Vermont. She was allowed pension on her application executed March 11, 1854, while residing in Windham County, Vermont, aged 67 years. There is no further data as to family on file.