

Pension Application for Paul Adams

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.
State of Massachusetts
County of Essex, SS.

On this twelfth day of September A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable Daniel Appleton White, Judge of the Court of Probate for the County of Essex aforesaid, not sitting, at Newbury point, Paul Adams, a resident of Newbury, in the County of Essex and State of Massachusetts, aged 74 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:

He first enlisted at Newbury in the company commanded by Captain Stephen Kent sometime in the month of May 1775, not long after the battle of Lexington, and served in said company; at Plumb Island at the entrance of the river Merrimack, with guards employed on the sea coast, the full term of six months, and was discharged in November following, at said Newbury had no written discharge.

Also enlisted at Newbury aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Ilsley, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Cagswell, and served therein at Connecticut in that State the full term of [two?] months and was discharged at White Plains, in the year 1776, or North Castle, had no written discharge.

Also enlisted at Newbury aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain Oliver Titcomb, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Cogswell, in which he served at Boston & Charlestown. Three months in the year 1778, and at the close of that year was discharged at Charlestown no written discharge.

Also enlisted at Newbury aforesaid in; the company commanded by Captain Rogers in the regiment commanded by Colonel {blank} in which he served at West Point, in the year 1780 two months and was discharged at West Point had no written discharge.

Also enlisted at Newbury aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain John Pearson in the regiment commanded by Colonel Putnam in which he served at West Point in the year 1781 two months and was then discharged at West Point in the last mentioned company he served as Corporal had no written discharge.

Also enlisted at Newbury afrs'd in the company commanded by Captain Stephen Jenkins, in which company Joseph Danforth was Lieutenant; the regiment commanded by Colonel Jacob Garrish in which he served three months in the year 1778 or 1779, land was discharged at Albany had no written discharge.

In 1799 also entered on board the private armed Schooner Friendship, commanded by Edward Wigglesworth Esquire commissioned by the Government of the United states as a letter of Marque, mounting six double fortified four position carriage guns, and armed with fifteen to sixteen men and served as a seaman on board said Schooner on a cruise of three months, on said cruise fell in with and engaged a British

armed sloop and after an engagement of about have an hour captured here, but being edge of the enemy she escaped.

Also entered on board the private armed ship Hibernia commanded by Captain William Obrien and also commissioned by the Government of the United States, mounting Ten four pound carriage guns and manned with about fifty men and served aboard the said ship in the capacity of steward in the year 1780, about three months in which we captured these British vessels and brought them in.

That he was born in said Newbury in the year 1758 has no family record of his birth resided in said Newbury at the time he enlisted and entered said service – where fore Silas Little Silas Moody, for evidence of his character for veracity and their belief of his revolutionary services.

The he now resides at aid Newberry and has always resided there, was born there, excepting about three years when he lived in Newbury.

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) Paul Adams

Solemnly affirmed to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. D. A. White, Judge of Probate.