

Pension Application for Samuel Adams

W.3490 (Widow: Abigail) Samuel died March 6, 1819.

B.L.Wt.5204-160-55

The Subscriber, Samuel Adams, a citizen of the United States of America, resident in the Town of Bath, County of Lincoln and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Declares and says—

That he served his country in the war of the Revolution in the office of Regimental Surgeon in the several Regiments and during the periods as follows Viz.

From June 28th 1775 to the end of that year in a regiment of Foot thereof John Fellows Esq'r was Colonel:--

And during the next year 1776 in the 18TH Regiment of Foot commanded by Colonel Edmund Phinney—and from March 14th 1778 til Aug 8th 1782 in a regiment of artillery whereof John Crane Esq'r was Colonel. Which several Regiments were in the Massachusetts line of the army, and on the Continental Establishment as will fully appear by his commissions.

And that at the last mentioned period (Aug 8th 1782) he was compelled by the worth of his family, who were visited with sickness at that time, to resign his commission, as will be seen by his Discharge; by which resignation he was deprived of receiving any Land or any commutation for half pay.

And having had a large family of Children to maintain, five of whom are still dependant on him for support; and being now at the age of seventy three and considerably infirm, is actually “by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for a support.” And conceives himself fairly and honestly entitled to the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 18th 1818.

At the end of the years 1775 and 1776 severally the Regiments in which he served as aforesaid were Disbanded by a completion of the time for which they were raised.

Though in the period of service last mentioned this commission bears date June [tear] 1782 he had served for the whole term as a Surgeon under an appointment from General Knox which was lost by the loss of his Pocketbook in which it was contained. But the capacity in which he served may appear from the furloughs herewith transmitted. (Signed) Saml Adams.

Signed before Josiah Stebbins, Judge of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for said Circuit.