

Pension Application for Noah Bates

S.2884

Declaration, in order to secure the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Worcester, SS

On this 16th day of Oct in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before Nathaniel Paine Judge of Probate Court, a resident of Phillipston in the County of Dorchester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged seventy nine 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 7th 1832.

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

I enlisted & entered as a private soldier in the Army of the revolution on or about the twentieth of April 1775, for the term of eight months in the company commanded by Capt Schoboe Dexter of what is in the county of Worcester State of Massachusetts in the regiment commanded by Col Woodbridge—we marched directly to Cambridge near Boston.

I remained in Cambridge & vicinity cooperating with the army during said term.

I was in the Battle on Bunker Hill at the close of the term I as verbally discharged & immediately returned to at that from where I marched. I do not know of any one who was in the army with whom I was intimately acquainted (now living) except William Raymond of Royaltown.

Soon after my return in June or July I again entered the service for five months as a Sergeant in the company commanded by Capt Benjamin Gates of Barry in said County of Worcester in Col Holmans Rigiment [Regiment] and Gen Fellows Brigade—I marched directly to New York by moving a port of the way by water. We were stationed in the city & vicinity during said five months coperating [cooperating] with the army in its various movements. I was in the Battle on York Island during which my right hand man Caleb Perry by name was shot by a musket ball through the body. I carried him to the camp & remained with him till he expired which was in a few hours. I assisted in extracting the ball from his body & at his request put the ball in my pocket book to carry to his wife, but lost it before I got home.

At the close of the term I as honourably discharged & returned to athot.

I now have a distinct recollection of Gen Washington & most of the principal officers in the army.

I have no other account to give of my service than thee above.

I have no documentary or written evidence except the annexed deposition.

I was born in Hinman Massachusetts Feb 6, 1763.

I have a record of my age in my great bible which I took from the record of my fathers family record when I was a young man when I lived in Althof untill I moved to Phillipstown where I now live.

I refer to Oliver Powers Esqr, & Rev. Joseph Chickering of Phillipston for my character if it is probable. They have heard it or a tradition that I served in the army & if the records or evidence of my service & the proof appears is deemed insufficient I desire further opportunity to search.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) Noah Bates.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Nath Paine, J. Pot for the County of Worcester.