

Pension Application for Prince Ames

W.23439 (Widow: Eunice) Prince died April 21, 1817

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Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, of the 7th July 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.”

State of Massachusetts

County of Essex SS.

On this thirty first day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the Honorable David Cummings one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Massachusetts, Eunice Ames, a resident of Andover in the County of Essex aforesaid in said State of Massachusetts, aged seventy years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled “An act of Congress granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Prince Ames who was a private soldier in the army of the Revolution in the Regiment commanded by Col. Francis and afterwards by Col. Tupper, & in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Franham or (Farmen) that he enlisted in said Company on or about the twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy seven & according to the belief the said Eunice served in the army for & during the full term of three years next following.

That he resided in the Town of Andover in the County and State aforesaid when he entered the service and was a substitute for one Benjamin Ames of said Andover. That he marched from said Andover to Fort Edward—thence to Fort Ann, was in the army when they fell back from Ticonderoga, was in the army at the time Burgoyne was taken.

That according to said Eunices belief he was at Monmouth & with the army until the full expiration of the three years after he enlisted--& that she has no documentary evidence in support of the claim—but supposes that the rolls at Washington will show precisely the time of his continuance & service in the army.

She further declares that she was married to the said Prince Ames on the twenty fourth day of November in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty four—that her husband the aforesaid Prince Ames died on the twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventeen that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninetyfour viz at the time above stated & that she has not been married since.

(Signed) Eunice Ames

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written before David Commins.