

Pension Application for Lemuel Andrews

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Declaration, In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.
State of Massachusetts
County of Hampshire SS.

On this fifteenth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before Samuel Hinkley Judge of the court of Probate for Hampshire County, now sitting, Lemuel Andrews a resident of Ware in the County of Hampshire, and State of Massachusetts, aged 71 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 provision made by 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.

Just before the battle of Bennington in August 1777 at Ware in said County, I was drafted to go to Saratoga to oppose the troops under Burgoyne—passed through Bennington, a few days after the battle at that place, went to a place on the East Side of the river near Bemis' Heights, stayed here several days—

1st thence to Battenkill & across the river to Saratoga—thence ordered to Fort Edward—where we stayed until after the surrender of Burgoyne—where we were dismissed—October—having been out two months or more. Capt. Joseph Carter of Weston, Col Reyes of Western—Maj. Read.

2nd I further state that at Ware in June 1778, as nearly as I can recollect I enlisted under Capt. Pomeroy, Col. Wood, for 8 months, west to White Plains—stationed but often detached for special services—sometimes for forage – stayed 8 months & then dismissed.

3rd I further state that at s'd Ware in the fall of 1779 as nearly as I can recollect. I enlisted for 3 months, under Capt.; Richardson. Lt. Brown—went to Albany and remained there & in places in that vicinity, during the whole term of 3 months. I never had a written discharge. 1 ½ mo. I further state that at said Ware, at one time, I can not state the month or year, I believe in 1781, I enlisted under Capt. Elijah Dwight, Col. Porter of Hadley, went to New London, and were gone 6 weeks—while then I assisted in building a fort, before the term? Was destroyed by Arnold. I further state that in July 1780 I enlisted for 3 months, under Capt Alvord went to West Point—thence ordered to Fishkill—thence back to “Rolatins farm” so called—thence to Poughkepsie [Poughkeepsie] where we were dismissed—having served 3 months.

I was born at Ware aforesaid, May 4, 1761, but recorded in Town records and have always resided in said town of Ware.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid, before me. Samuel Hinckley, Judge of Probate for said County