

Pension Application for Jonathan Ballard

W.23499 (Widow: Betty) Married February 1787, he died November 28, 1830.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

I Jonathan Ballard, aged fifty six years, a citizen of the United States, born in Middleton in Massachusetts, but now of Temple in the District of Maine, upon oath testify and declare that in February 1777 I enlisted as a private soldier into the Continental service of the United States, against the common enemy for the term of three years, into the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Farnum and regiment commanded by Col Francis of the Massachusetts line. Col. Francis being killed at the battle of Hubbardston in the retreat from Tyconderoga [Ticonderoga] Lt Col Newall commanded the regiment until we went to Valley Forge when Colo Tupper commanded the regiment.

This period of three years I fully served out and took my honorable discharge from the army at West Point in February 1780. The discharge I have not preserved. In May 1780 I again enlisted into the same company and regiment, six months, which I fully served out. In May or June 1780 I again enlisted as a private soldier into the continental service of the United States against the common enemy, for the period of three years, into the company commanded by Capt Sylvanus Smith, and regiment commanded by Colo Rufus Putman of the Massachusetts line.

Under this last enlistment I served through the war and took my honorable discharge from the army in December 1783 at West Point. The discharge I have not preserved. I was at the taking of Burgoyne and in the battle of Monmouth. I wintered one winter at Valley Forge. I am indigent and in need of the bounty of the government.

And I do hereby relinquish all my claim to every pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the U. States, if any; but I am not to my knowledge born on any pension list whatever. I request to be put on the pension list for the District of Maine.

(Signed) Jon'a Ballard.

Signed, made oath on May 11, 1818 before me Nathan Weston Junr C. Just C.
Court C. Pleas s'd East Circuit.