

Pension Application for Elijah Ball

S.19536

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 sixth day of September in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court, before Hon. Nathaniel Paine Judge of Probate for said County snot sitting Elijah Ball a resident of Boyston in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged Eighty for [four] 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.

April 19, 1775 he marched form where he now resides to Cambridge near Boston and continued in said service about two weeks under Capt. Benjamin Houghton;--the other officers of the company he cannot recollect—He was then dismissed by verbal orders—He cannot find any living witness to this service.

December 1, 1775. He enlisted into the said service and marched to Roxbury near Boston and continued there for the term of six weeks—when he was discharged by verbal orders—During this term he served under the following officers—Capt Nathl White, Lieut [Bout?] [fold] The Regimental officers aren't recollectd.

On the 1st July 1776 he again enlisted into said service and marched to New Haven (Con) thence proceeded by water to New York City—continued there a few days—thence proceeded to Greenwich about three miles above the city & was there encamped until the 15 Sept. 1776—when he retreated to Fort Washington; tarried there about three weeks—then retreated to White Plains—where he continued until the close of November 1776—having continued in the same service five months—under the following officers—Col. Smith, Lt Col. Longley—Maj. Wheelock—Capt Samuel Sawyer, Lieut Sawyer, 2 Lieut James Godfrey—Ensign Belknap.

Sept 1, 1777 he enlisted again into said service for the term of three months— and marched to Bennington Vermont, thence to Stillwater & there remained until Burgoyne retreated to Saratoga—thence proceeded to Saratoga & as at the capture of Burgoyne's Army. Afterwards marched to Albany & from thence to White Plains where he was discharged by verbal orders at the expiration of said term of three months. During this term he was the Orderly Sergeant of the company—He belonged to Col. Job Cushing's Regt.

He was born in Holden Worcester Co. (Mass) he resided where he now lives when called into the service & has resided there since. He never received a written discharge—

In answer to the last interrogatory part of the Court he will state the following names. Rev. Ward Cotton, James Longley Esquires.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before Nath. Paine, Judge of Probate for the county of Worcester.

Letter in folder dated February 23, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

In have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.19536, it appears that Elijah Ball, while residing at Boylston, Worcester County, Massachusetts, served in the Massachusetts Troops, as follows—

From April 19, 1775, two weeks as private in Captain Benjamin Houghton's Company.

From December 1, 1775, six weeks as private in Captain Nathaniel White's Company.

From July 1, 1776, five months as corporal in Captain Samuel Sawyer's Company, Colonel Smith's Regiment, and was in the retreat from New York.

From September 1, 1777, three months as Orderly Sergeant in Captain William Greenleaf's Company, Colonel Job Cushing's Regiment and was at the Surrender Burgoyne.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 6, 1832, while a resident of Boylston, Massachusetts, aged eighty-four years. It is stated that he was born in Holden, Worcester County, Massachusetts, date not given.

There is ono data on file as to family.