

Pension Application for Samuel Bardwell

S.30839

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Franklin County SS.

On this twenty ninth day of August A.D. 1832 at a Probate Court appeared in open court, before the Hon. Richard E. Newcomb, Judge of Probate of the s'd County in the said Commonwealth, now sitting at Greenfield within and for the said County of Franklin, Samuel Bardwell a resident of Montague in the County in the said Commonwealth, aforesaid, aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an 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.

I first entered the service of my country as a volunteer minute man, some time in April the day I can not tell. L A.D. 1775 and served as such volunteer for three weeks. I left Montague and marched direct to Waltham Plains thence to Cambridge Hts where I did the service. I marched from Montague in the County of Franklin where I then & now reside under the command of Thomas Grover, but when we got to Cambridge I was in the Company of Capt Oliver of Conway in the County aforesaid. General Putnam & General Wood. I recollect were at Cambridge at this time & while we were at Cambridge. The Stockbridge Indians joined us.

I also again in the month of September A.D. 1776. The day I can not tell, enlisted in to the state Service of Massachusetts for two months, and served that time. The officers of our Regt in this service were Col. Hove of Belchertown MS & Lt. Col. Bliss of Williamham MS. The officers of our company Capt Caleb Montague Lt Nath'l Gunn 2 Lt Josiah Pomeroy. I resided in Montague in the then County of Hampshire river the Co. of Franklin when I enlisted. We marched from [Rindesland?] MS direct to East Middletown Ct. thence to New Haven Ct. I follow4ed the Sound of Long Island down to s'd Chester N.Y. While we were at s'd Chester the enemy came down the sound & landed at Frogs Point where we had a skirmish with the enemy & we retreated up to Valentine Hill, then we went up to White Plains where I staid [stayed]with the army until the battle of White Plains. I was present & in right of the battle but did not engage in it nor any of our Regt. General Lincoln had the command of our Brigade. I recollect of seeing at White Plains at this time gen. Washington & Gen. Lee. The enemy took possession of the plains. Shortly after my time of enlistment expired & I came home being dismissed. I have no doc. Papers as the evidence of this service.

I also again enlisted into the Massachusetts State service some time in the fore part of June. I can not tell the day A.D. 1777 for two months & I served that time. I resided in said Montague at this time of my enlistment and marched from s'd Montague direct through Williamstown MS to Waterford N.Y.—thence to Moses Creek where we staid a while & then returned to Stillwater and then I was dismissed with others. The officers of our Regt were Co. Williams of Warwick MS & Maj Lock. The officers of our Company were Capt Stower & Lt Swetser. During this period of duty I recollect of seeing

Genl Stock & General Poor. Genl St. Clair or Gen. Schuyler I think, had the command and of the army. On our retreat from Moses Creek the army crossed the river near the falls at Fort Miller & there our rear guard had an engagement with the Indians & several of our omen were killed & taken.

I also again went in to the service of my country as a volunteer in the Massachusetts State Service sometime in August, the day I can not tell, A.D. 1777 and served two months. I resided in Montague aforesaid [?] when I volunteered at this time of my service. We went from Montague through Bennington Vt thence to Tulls Mills & to Stillwater thence back to Tulls Mills thence to Tiff's Mills—thence to Fort Edwards when we staid some time. Our Colonel at this time was Col. Wells of Shelburn MS & our officers of the Company were Capt Stower & Lt John Adams. We were at Fort Edward when Gen. Burgoyne surrendered his whole army prisoners of war to the American army. L Burgoyne having surrendered we returned home. General Gates was the commander of the army at this time. I recollect Gen'l Starks had the command of the militia I think.

No doc papers as evidence of my service.

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) Sam'l Bardwell

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. R.E. Newcomb, Judge of Probate.