

Pension Application for Amasa Bates

W.15873 (Widow: Jemima) Amasa Bates and Jemima Randall were married November 8, 1781. He died September 6, 1834.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Berkshire, SS.

On this twenty eight day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable William P. Walker, Judge of the Court of Probate, within and for said County of Berkshire, now sitting, Amasa Bates a resident of the town of Windsor in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged seventy 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

I enlisted in 1775 shortly after the battle of Lexington at Abington in the County of State troops commanded by Capt. William Reed for the term of eight months, the whole of which time I served at Roxbury near Boston, the said company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Col. John Bailey.

In May 1776 I again enlisted at Abington; aforesaid into a company of State troops for the term of six months, which term I served out on Castle Island, now Fort Independence under the command of Colonel Burbeck where I was discharged. In the early part of the year of 1777 I again enlisted into the State service for the term of three months which term I served on Castle Island under Col. Burbeck where I was discharged.

In the summer of 1777 & as I near [sic] as I can recollect in the month of August I enlisted at Cummington in the County of Hampshire & Commonwealth aforesaid into a company of State troops under Captain Joseph Warner, which company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Brown. I marched with said Regiment from the s'd County of the Hampshire in the first place to Pawlet in the State of Vermont, from thence to Skeensborough in the State of New York, from thence to Lake George where we took a party of Burgoines Army which was stationed there, the prisoners were sent to Rutland in Vermont & we returned to Skeensborough from thence we marched to Stillwater and thence to Bemis' heights where I was present doing duty at the time of my enlistment expired when I was discharged, I enlisted at this time for three months the whole of which time I served as above stated.

In the month of May 1778 I again enlisted into the service of the State at Abington aforesaid for the term of six months the whole of which time I served on Castle Island under Colonel Busbeck. In the month of July or August 1779 I again enlisted into a Company of State troops under Captain Jacob Pool. We marched from Abington aforesaid where I enlisted, to Claverack in the State of New York, thence to Albany; from thence we were ordered to Schoharie and we were in the fort there when the town of Schoharie was burnt. We left the fort the next day after the town was burnt and pursued the Tories and Indians far as Fort Plain when my term of service expired & the militia

coming in my services were not further needed & I returned home. I served as above stated at the several times mentioned the full term of two years & five months.

I was born at Abington aforesaid on the fifth day of March A.D. 1754 & resided there till I was twenty eight years of age, I then removed to Cummington in the County of Hampshire & state of Massachusetts and have resided in s'd Cummington in Worthington; in the County of Hampshire & in Windsor in the County of Berkshire where I now reside. I always enlisted as a volunteer and never had any written discharge.

Nathan Snow is now of Cummington & served with me at Roxbury. Col. Lebus Bates and Israel Vining both now of Windsor were with me at Castle Island in 1776 & in 1778 Samuel Thayer served with me under Captain Jacob Pool in 1779.

The Rev. Mr. Dorrance & Doct Ashhel Wright both of Windsor have been for many years acquainted with me.

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) Amasa Bates.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. W. P. Walker J. Probate.