

Pension Application for Lebbeus or Libbeus Bates

W.1126 (Widow: Melatiah) Married June 14, 1807. He died September 6, 1844.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Berkshire SS

On this twenty eighth day of August A.D. 1832 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 Lebbeus Bates a resident of the town of Windsor in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged seventy two 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 state.

That I enlisted in April 1775 in the Company commanded by Joseph Trufant for eight months & was discharged Jany 1776. That I enlisted for two months service Capt Seth Stowers & was at Roxbury when the enemy left Boston after my time was out in April 1776. I then enlisted for two months as a; Carpenter my time was oupt in June 1776. I then enlisted into a company of Artillery commanded by William Gray of Boston, Thomas Crafts commanded the Regiment for the term of one year—my time was out May 1777 in June same year. I enlisted for two months under Capt Moses French & marched to Rhod[e] Island was there when Major Bates took Genl Prescott August 8th discharged same month 28 day I enlisted for three months under Capt. Theolohilus Wilder. Col. Gills Regt & marched to Stillwater in the State of New York & joined the army under General Gates—after the capture of Burgoyne marched to the White Plains under Genl Putnam & was afterward discharged at East Chester Nov 28, 1777.

On the 8th Dec 1777 I enlisted in the only Regiment of Artillery raised by the State of Massachusetts, at Nantasket in Massachusetts in the Company commanded by Capt Amos Lincoln of the Regt commanded by Col Paul Revere of Boston. I enlisted & served as a Sergeant. I received the pay of a Sergeant namely eleven dollars per month. I was in the Batteau Rhode Island in Genl Sullivans expedition & was there under the command of Col Crane whose Christian name I do not recollect—but he was an officer on the Continental establishment & therefore took rank of Col. Revere. I was in the expedition which went to Penobscot & in the battle fought at that place I believe this was in 1779. In this battle many of our men were killed—our ships were driven up the River by the British fleet & burnt after this battle we were marched thro the woods to Kennebeck [Kennebec] River a distance of one hundred miles in that provisions & in circumstances of the greatest distress.

I was discharged in 1780 having served in this Regiment for twenty nine months. The regiment was raised in May 1777 for three years. I enlisted in December & continued in it the remainder of the three years until or on about May 8, 1780.

I was born in Weymouth in the County of Suffolk Jany 16, 1760 & resided thee when I first enlisted in the service of my Country & until I was twenty two years of age. After my final discharge from the service in 1780 I removed to Cumington in Hampshire

County where I lived thirty six years, I then removed to Windsor in Berkshire County where I have lived 14 years & where I now reside & I am now in the seventy third year of my age. I can furnish no other proof of my services than what is contained in the foregoing declaration & the affidavits hereto annexed.

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) Lebbeus Bates

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