

Pension Application for Thomas Bean

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Conn. Sea Service & Mass.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of Rhode Island

County of Bistol SS

On this twenty eighth day of July 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges or Justices of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, Thomas Bean, a resident of Barrington in the Court of Bistol, and State of Rhode-Island, 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.

That is to say, He the said Bean enlisted in May or early in June 1775 into Captain Oliver Pond's Company as a private soldier in the Regiment commanded by Col. Reed, at Wrentham, in the State of Massachusetts, for eight months, was marched immediately to Roxbury, near Boston, at or near which place, he was stationed, the time of this enlistment. His regiment was ordered round to Bunker Hill on the day of the Battle there, but did not arrive until the engagement was about over, that he the said Bean, in June 1776, was drafted at said Wrentham into Captain Lewis Whiting's Company, for six month's service as he believes to proceed to Ticonderoga, and was at that place, in said service, at the time the American Flotilla was destroyed by the Enemy on Lake Champlain, that he does not recollect whether General Gates or General Schuyler was then commander in chief at the place, but he well recollects, Rev. Enos Hitchcock afterwards settled in Providence, was Champlain, he does not recollect the names of the Regimental officers—

Soon after his return from this campaign, he the said Bean enlisted and entered on board the armed ship, Defence or Defiance of Eighteen guns, at Boston, under command of Captain Samuel Smedley for six months, _____Squires Captain of marines & in company with the armed ship Oliver Crownell Capt Parker of twenty years in which said ship, made a number of captures, and among them, she captured the ship of Marque, Admiral Capel and the ship Cyrant, and brought them into Boston, that this affiant was put on board, the Capol, Tillinghost,, prize master and arrived in her at Boston. On his discharge from this service said Bean entered, at Wrentham into Jacob Mann's company in Col. Hawes' Regiment for two months' service in Sullivan's expedition to Rhode Island. This service was performed in August & September 1778. He in March 1779 entered into Captain Battles Company in Col. [blank] Regiment and marched to Tiverston Howland's Ferry and other places about this Bay, under the command of General Cornell and served under this enlistment three months.

In July 1779 he enlisted at Wrentham into Capt. Fisher's Company and as he thinks Walker's Regiment and marched to Providence, while general gates had command in chief, there and under this enlistment served as much as three months, all which

terms of service, he the said Bean served out as a private and was therefrom duly discharged but not in writing nor has he any documentary proof thereof.

He was born in Boston in 1758, and was learning the trade of a shoemaker; in said Wrentham, when he first enlisted into the service and where he made it his home until 1781 when he settled in Barrington & has resided there ever since, he has no record of his age, that there is no clergyman in his vicinity who has lived there a year, or at all acquainted with his Revolutionary services.

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) Thomas Bean

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Attest, J. Davis Clerk.