

Pension Application for Jonathan Beard

W.23555 (Widow: Abigail) Married Nov 7, 1781. He died May 17, 1843.

B.L.Wt. 36615-160-55

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Worcester SS.

On this fourteenth day of August [?] AD 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the court of Probate, now sitting at Worcester within and for the County of Worcester in the Commonwealth aforesaid. Jonathan Beard of Harvard in sd City aged Seventy seven years, Who being 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: That is to say

1. That when the revolutionary war commenced, he lived in Tewksberry in the County of Middlesex and in the latter part of AD 1774, or forepart of 1775. He was a minute man in Corps Trulls Company and on the 19th of April 1775 marched with his company to Concord and came on the main road near [Monicans?] Corner soon after the British passed on their retreat, they pursued to Cambridge, was stationed there 3 weeks when,
2. He enlisted for eight months in the Company of Capt Ben'ja Walker who was mortally wounded at Bunker hill and died of his wounds in Boston, his company was in Capt Bridges Regt. He fought in the battle of Bunker Hill and did duty in his Company until his eight months expired, and then as the new [?] had not arrived; he agreed to remain with the Army.
3. And did duty till sometime in March, being full two months when he was dismissed.
4. In the Summer or Fall or AD 1777 he inlisted to meet Burgoyne Army in the Company of Capt Edward Fammer of Bollerica in in [sic] Col Jon's Reeds Regt of Mass forces he marched to the frontier and rendezvoused at Batten Kill, proceeded to Fort Edward where they halted 10 days and came to Saratoga where he saw the surrender of Burgoyne['s] Army, and was gone two weeks.

He relinquishes every claim, whatever, to a pension or annuity, whatever except, the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll, of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and yea aforesaid before me, Nath Parris Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester. (Signed) Jonathan Beard.