

## **Pension Application for John Belding**

S.30269

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Franklin SS

On this fifteenth day of November AD 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Common Pleas of the said Commonwealth, now sitting at Greenfield within and for the said County of Franklin, John Belding a resident of Ashfield in the county and 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 John Belding of Ashfield in the County of franklin and Commonwealth of Massachusetts was born in Deerfield in the said County of Franklin in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fifty seven. I know of no record of my age. At the time of the two following inlistments, I lived in Ashfield aforesaid in which Town I have lived ever since the revolutionary war, and I live there still.

I inlisted into the service of the United States in the month of December one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, I think about the middle, in a company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Phillips, Col. Robinsons regiment for the Term of three months, in the militia of the Massachusetts line and marched to Ticonderoga and there did garrison duty during the said three months at the expiration of which I was dismissed had no written discharge. For testimony to substantiate the above service I had the Rev'd Preserved Smith's affidavit which is herewith annexed.

Again I inlisted into the service of the United States about the first of September in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy seven for the term of three months, in a company commanded by Capt Dinsmore, in Col. Woodbridge regiment of militia of the Massachusetts line and marched through Bennington, (where I saw the prisoners just before taken in that place) to Still Water New York, and was detached to Skenesborough to watch the incident and when Burgoyne surrendered. I was at Saratoga afterwards I marched through the Country to White Plains near New York and I was in the service in this campaign during three months, at the expiration of which about the first of December, at White Plains.

I was dismissed, had no written discharge. The Testimony to prove the last service is contained in Revd Presence Smith's affidavit anexed. [annexed]

And I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

(Signed) John Belding.

Attest E. Alvord, Clerk of said Court.