

## **Pension Application for Charles Bellows**

S.22114

Letter in file dated January 20, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War service of Charles Bellows, of Southboro, Massachusetts, who later resided in Marlboro, Vermont.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.22114, based upon the military service in; that war of Charles Bellows.

Charles bellows was born in 1754, in Southborough, Worcester County, Massachusetts. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in said Southborough, at the beginning of the Revolutionary War, Charles Bellows belonged to a company of militia of that town, and on the day of the battle of Concord, his company turned out and marched to Cambridge: soon after his arrival there, he enlisted in Captain Josiah Fay's Company, Colonel Jonathan Ward's Massachusetts Regiment and served until the last day of December, following: he immediately reenlisted, and served one year in Captain Moses Soule's Company, Colonel Asa Whitcomb's Massachusetts Regiment: he enlisted in May, 1777, served in Captain Aaron Haynes' Company, Colonel Wigglesworth's 13<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment, he was in the campaign against Burgoyne and was present at the surrender of that officer and his army, after which he marched to Pennsylvania and was discharged at Valley Forge, January 10, 1778.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 5, 1832, while residing in Marlboro, Windham County, Vermont.

There are no data as to soldier's family.

State of Vermont.

District of Marlboro SS

On this fifth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court being the court of Probate in then four the district of Marlboro in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, aged seventy eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (viz). In the spring of 1775 he resided in Southbridge and County of Worcester in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and distant about twelve miles from Concord and the day of Concord battle the company of Militia to which he belonged turned out and was marched down to Cambridge when he arrived the day forlowing [furloughing] a short time afater he enlisted in Captain Jacob Fays company in Colonel Wards regiment and then who did not enlisted were dismissed and returned home, and that he the said Charlres Bellows continued to serve till the last day of December then next in said Regiment said Company the fore part of the time he was stationed at Cambridge and the latter part of it at Dorchester.

He further says that some few days before the expiration of his said term of service he enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Moses Sole in Colonel Asa Whitcombs Regiment of the Massachusetts troops for one year to commence on the first day of January 1776. That at that time he went into the company of the said Captain Sole and continued to serve in the same one year and was discharged, the 22d of March Whitcombs Regiment marched into Boston and there remained till August following when he says they were marched to Tyconderoga they were marched up through Newhampshire to No. 4 now Charleston, then crossed Connecticut river and over the mountain to Rutland then to Skeensboro (now White Hall) then took Batteaus and went down to Tyconderoga where he remained till discharged the last of December does not recollect whether he had a written discharge but thinks he had, and if so it is lost.

He further declares that in the ;month of May 1777 he still resided at said Southboro and that he then and then again enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Aaron Haynes in; the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wigglesworth for eight months the party he marched with (which was in June) went by way of Springfield in Massachusetts to Hudsons River and went up in a sloop to Albany where he joined his regiment and then was marched to Saratoga and then Joined Ggeneral Skuylers Army the army soon retreated to Stillwater and then to half moon point and then for a time was stationed on an Island in the Sprouts of Mohawk River where they remained till general Gates arrived then back to Stillwater where they remained a few days then to Bemis heights and soon after General Burgoins army retreated to Saratoga he and the regiment he belonged to were ordered to follow them when he remained till the enemy capitulated afterwards he was marched back to Albany and down the river to New Jersey and through New Jersey and into Pensylvania [Pennsylvania] and was discharged at Valley Forge on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1778 having served in the said Regiment and company last mentioned eight months had a written discharge which is lost.

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.

#### Questions by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> in Southbury Massachusetts in 1754.

2 None

3 at said Southbury in Marlboro Vermont where I now reside.

4 I voluntary by enlisted.

5 they are embodied in my declaration.

6 I do not certainly recollect I believe I had one and it is lost.

7 See the Worchester Nehemiah Needhan Ira Sedon. (Signed) Charles Bellows

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Marshall Miller,  
Massachusetts Judge of Probate.