

## **Pension Application for John Bourne**

S.30879

State of Maine

Maine District

County of York SS.

On this seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared before the District Court of the United States John Bourne a resident Kennebunk in the county of York and State of Maine, Esquire 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

I John Bourne do hereby certify as a part of this declaration; that I was born at Wells Aug 14, 1759.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1776 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and served in the Massachusetts line, under the following named officers: Samuel Lawyer of Wells was Captain Jedediah Littlefield was a Lieutenant and Chapin second Lieutenant and Samuel Stevens Ensign.

Said company was in Colonel Patterson's Regiment—that he was at Cambridge and after the British left Boston marched to New York—then to Albany;. Then to Lake Champlain—Ticonderoga, Crown Point, St. John--Lapirarie—an[d] across the river to Montreal—then up about sixty miles to the cedars then back by nearly the same rout[e] to Albany that on their return they were inoculated for the small pox at St. Johns—

From Albany to Newtown –then to Trenton where he was in the Battle of that name—and that he was honorably discharged at Trenton four hundred and fifty miles from home which he marched about the middle of January 1777—being absent twelve months and a half—that when he enlisted he lived in Wells—that in 1780 he moved to what is now called Kennebunk where he has lived ever since.

He was born August 1759—The record of his birth is in his family bible. He has no written discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. (Signed) John Bourne

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid before John Warn, Judge of the Court Dist of Maine.

Letter in folder dated October 14, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

The data herein are obtained from the papers on file in the pension claim, S.30879, based upon the military service of John Bourne in the War of the Revolution.

John Bourne was born, August 14, 1759 in Wells, York County, Massachusetts (District of Maine).

He enlisted, January 1, 1776, while residing in said Wells, and served in Captain Samuel Sawyer's company in Colonel Paterson's Massachusetts regiment, was

in the expedition to Canada, in the battle of Trenton, and was discharged at Trenton, reaching home about the middle of January 1777.

He moved from Wells to Kennebunk, York County, District of Maine in 1780.

He was allowed pension on his application execute August 7, 1832, then a resident of Kennebunk.

He died June 6, 1837.

There is no reference to wife and children.