

Pension Application for Nehemiah Gates

S.21763

State of Vermont

Rutland County SS.

On this 12th day of July A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Probate Court of Rutland Dis't now sitting, Nehemiah Gates a resident of the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, aged 84 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 has herein stated.

In 1775, he lived at Worthington, Massachusetts & was a minute man & immediately after the Battle of Lexington he turned out & marched to Cambridge under Capt. Eben. Webber & when he arrived there he enlisted for eight months, & served in Capt. Webber's Company, Col. Fellow's Regt, Lt Col. Edgar, Maj Tupper, Lt. Bartlett, until his 8 months expired & discharged at Dorchester but red'd no written discharge. He was a sentry at Roxbury during the battle of Bunker hill.

In 1776 he served five months as sergeant in Capt .[Mencallas's?] company, Col. VanDike's Regt of N. York troops, & was stationed during the whole time at Fort George on Lake George—Col. Gansevoort's Regt was there at the same time. The latter part of the war he turned out on alarm at Rutland, Vt.

He does not remember the years, under Capt. Wright (he does not remember the Col. name) & marched to Lake Champlain & served about a fortnight in the winter—Col. Eben. Allen had the command of the whole. He was in Genl Thomas's Brigade in 1775. He knew Genl. Dearburn, Genl Putnam , Genl Ward & many others.

That he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person who can testify to his services, except his brother Cyrus Gates, & John Daniels, whose affidavits accompany this.

He was born at Preston the 4 May 1736 (O.S.) [old style] his age is recorded in Preston, which is copyed into his Bible. He came to Rutland, Vt. In March 1781, & has resided here ever since. He is a member of the Rev. W. Tilden; church of the West Parish, & is known to most of the inhabitants off that Parish.

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) Nehemiah Gates.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. R.C. Royce Regs