

Pension Application for Elias Adams

S.30141 Born June 10, 1764.

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of Massachusetts

County of Worcester SS.

On this Eleventh day of Feby AD 1833 personally appeared in open court, before me Nathaniel Paine Esquire Judge of the Court of Probate for the said County of Worcester now sitting Elias Adams a resident of the Town of Spencer in the County of Worcester and state of Massachusetts aged sixty-eight 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 as herein stated, that sometime in the month of July 1780, he enlisted into company of Massachusetts State troops or Malitia, said company was commanded by Capt. Nathan Thayer, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Ebenezer Thayer.

We marched immediately from Midway, Mass, to Great Barrington, Mass., was stationed there a few days then marched to West Point, New York, where we were stationed most of the remainder of the team, except when out on scouting expeditions, which was very often and was discharged sometime in the month of October the same year, being out in the said service more than three months, according to the return of the Secretary of this Common wealth, three months and six days, also, sometime in the month of July 1781, the said Elias Adams, enlisted into another company of Massachusetts State Troops or Malitia, commanded by Capt. Lincoln, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Webb, belonging to Boston, marched from said Midway again to West Point, N. York, and was stationed there a part of the time, but was employed most of the time out on scouting parties in various parts of the country, was sometimes at White Plains, and other places, and was discharged at a place called Gallows Hill, or Peekskill [Peekskill] sometime in the month of November according to the best of my remembrance, being out in the last tour of duty four months.

For proof of this last tour of service, reference is had to the Deposition of [Awize?] Holbrook, which is hereunto annexed. Both terms of service amounting at least to seven months and six days. Said Elias Adams was born in the town of Brookfield, Mass. June 10, 1764, and supposes the record of his birth is in the Clerk's office in said town. Lived in said Brookfield about twelve years, then removed with his father to the town of Midway, Mass., then removed back again to said town of Brookfield, and lived there about twenty seven years more, then removed to the town of Spencer, Mass., where he has lived ever since, and where he lives now. Lived in said Midway when he entered into the United Sates service, both tours, was not drafted, but enlisted voluntarily, and has never received a written discharge.

Reference may be had to Jonas Bemis, Esqr., Capt James Capen, Doct Jonas Guilford or Rufus Adams, who are some of my neighbours, and who can testify as to my character for truth.

Have no documentary evidence, except from the records of the Secretary's office, a certificate from Edward D. Bangs, the Secretary is hereunto annexed.

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) Elias Adams

Attest: James Draper. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before Nath. Paine, Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester.