

Pension Application for Ephraim Alley

S.36888

State of Massachusetts,

I, Ephraim Alley a citizen of the United States now resident at Boothbay in the County of Lincoln in the State aforesaid, do on oath certify & declare; that in the war of the revolution, on the 12th day of February A.D. 1777, I entered & was engaged in the land service of the United States on the continental establishment, & served accordingly from that time to the 11th day of February A.D. 1780 as a private soldier against the common enemy, without interruption or absence, that I belonged to Capt Davis' Company, Col. Wigglesworth's Regiment, Glover's Brigade, Massachusetts line—part of the of the time [sic] Lieutenant Mr. Hall commanded the company a part of the time it was commanded by Lieutenant Woodbridge who afterwards was promoted to be a Captain of the same company.

During said three years service I was twice drafted into the Light Infantry for a short time on special service, but was always returned back again to my original company.

I left the service on the 11th day of February 1780 at the Highlands near West Point where I received a regular discharge, which I have lost; and that by my reduced circumstances in life & poverty & stand in need of assistance from my country for support being now of the age of fifty eight years.

I well recollect the officer who signed my discharge, it Captain Daniel Pilsray (or Pilsbiery) he being the oldest Captain in the Regiment.

I was at the taking of Burgoyne & at the battle of Monmouth, & in the engagements on Rhode Island.

And I hereby relinquish all claim to every pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States, if any may be or hath been so allowed.

I further declare that I am now a cripple, having entirely lost the use of my left hand & am lame in my right wrist, so that I am able to do but little work or laborer.

(Signed) Eph'm Alley

Letter in folder dated January 24, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.36888, based upon the military service in that war of Ephraim Alley.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of Ephraim Alley are not shown.

Ephraim Alley enlisted in the state of Massachusetts, February 11, 1777, served as private in Stephen Israel Davis', Woodbridge's and Daniel Pilsbury's Companies Companies, Colonel Edward Wigglesworth's Massachusetts Regiment, was at the taking of Burgoyne, the battle of Monmouth and in the engagements of Rhode Island. He was discharged February 11, 1780.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 15, 1818, at which time he was aged fifty-eight years and resided in Boothbay, Lincoln County, Massachusetts.

In 1823, the soldier stated that his family then residing with him consisted of his wife, Susan, aged sixty-three years, her maiden name and date of their marriage not given; a granddaughter, Susan Carlisle, aged eleven years and an orphan boy, Rufus Dodge, aged ten years. He did not give the names of the parents of Susan Carlisle or Rufus Dodge.

There are no further data as to family.