

Pension Application for Samuel Ames (or Buck)

S.16603

State of Maine

County of Oxford SS

On this 28 day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Probate now sitting Samuel Ames, a resident of Norway in the county of Oxford, and State of Maine, aged 73 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 enlisted in the service of the United States in January 1776, as a private soldier, for the term of one year, under the name of Samuel Buck, which was at that time his only proper name at his then residence in Haverhill in the State of Mass'tts, in the company commanded by Capt. Thomas Cogswell, in the regiment commanded by Col. Loammi Baldwin in Gen. William Heath brigade.

He marched to Trenton in the State of New Jersey—he was in Gen. Lee's division when he Gen Lee was taken at Morristown, New Jersey – in 1776 & carried to New York city—he was in the battle of Harlem in the same year, and was in the battle of Trenton Dec 26, 1776, and was verbally discharged at Trenton at the expiration of said term.

He again enlisted at said Haverhill in January 1777 as a musician under the name of Samuel Buck at that time his only proper name, for a term of three years—in the company commanded by Capt. Ames Cogswell, in the regiment commanded by Col. James Weston, in Gen. Learned's brigade and marched to West Point in New York—he was at the taking of Burgoin's army, which surrendered the 17th of October in the year 1777. He was discharged at West Point, at the expiration of said term by Col. Weston, which discharge has been lost many years; he has not seen it since he removed from Haverhill to Norway about fifty years since.

He further on oath declares, that when he was twenty one years of age he took and has ever since been known by the name of Samuel Ames.

He has no documentary evidence to prove his service of one year as aforesaid, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service of one year as aforesaid.

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.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Samuel Ames
Before, Stephen Emery, Judge.