

Pension Application for Spafford Ames

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Ames, Spafford

His name appears on a list of claimants to be placed on the pension list returned by the District Court for the District of Massachusetts, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on April 25, 1794, and printed in the American State Papers, Class 9, page 110.

Rank: Private

Regt: Col Fry's

Disability: received two wounds, one in his thigh, the other in; his right hand.

When and where disabled: June 1775, Bunker's Hill.

Residence: Andover.

Monthly allowance: \$2.22

Arrears due: \$50

Remarks: There are no musters for the year 1775 in this office.

Declaration.

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832 & 19 Feb 1833.

State of New Hampshire,

County of Merrimack SS

As a Court of Probate held at Concord in and for said County, 28th May 1833.

On this 28th day of May personally appeared before the Judge of the Court of Probate Spafford Ames—a resident of Pembroke the 28th day of May personally appeared before the Judge of the Court of Probate Spafford Ames—a resident of Pembroke in the County of Merrimack and state of New-Hampshire, aged Eighty one 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 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1775 with Capt Benj Farnum, and served in the Colo James Frye's regiment of the Mass. Militia line, under the following named officers:

That he enlisted in Andover, Massachusetts, in May 1775 for eight months in the Regiment of Massachusetts Militia commanded by Col. James Frye in Capt Benjamin Farnums company and marched to Cambridge near Boston, where he remained until the Battle of Bunker Hill in which he was wounded & thereby rendered unfit for duty until October, when he joined his company and completed the eight months service and was dismissed, had no written discharge.

In the winter of 1776, he enlisted at Andover aforesaid for two months service the same Captain as above & marched to Prospect Hill near Boston and served there at least 1 ½ months, when he enlisted for one year under Capt. Coxalona & Lieut Olney, Colo Hitchcock in the Continental line marched to Providence, thence by ship to New York City, thence to Long Island where he remained until August, when the

troops retreated from the City of New York, thence to White Plains & Peekskill where he was dismissed without any written discharge, having served the full term of one year.

That he again enlisted at Andover aforesaid in August 1777 for 3 months in the Massachusetts militia under Capt Johnson & Col Johnsons' Regt and marched to Bennington Vt., thence to Ticonderoga, thence to Stillwater was in the battle there, then persued Burgoynes army until his surrender, then he went as a guard to Albany, thence to Skeensborough and served other places in New York untill the expiration of the 3 months & was dismissed, had no written discharge. He does not remember the name of the Place where he was discharged.

That his name is now on the Pension Roll of the New Hampshire Agency at the rate of eight dollars per month as an Invalid Pensioner & that this declaration is made in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision above mentioned with an amendment approved 19 Feb 1833. (Signed with his mark) Spafford Ames

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Witness Joseph C. West.
Horace Chase, Judge of Probate.