

Pension Application for Timothy Bancroft

S.22632

Declaration, In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832.
State of New Hampshire,
County of Cheshire, SS

On this fourth day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Hon Aaron Matson Judge of Probate in and for said County now sitting, Timothy Bancroft a resident of Nelson N.H. in the county of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire aged seventy three 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he entered the said service in the month of July or August 1778 in the Company commanded by Captain Varnum—in Col Thatcher's Regiment Massachusetts Militia-Lt Col Howe & Majr Brants, the other Regimental officers—that was marched to providence remained there a few days & from thence to Rhode Island. Crossed at Howland ferry on to Rhode Island was in the battle under General Sullivan retreated off the night after the battle and back to Providence-marched from thence to the North River above New York City—from thence into New Jersey to Rahway & Woodbridge, was stationed he thinks at Woodbridge during the winter-guarding the lines while the Continental troops were in winter quarters. The enemy lay at Amboy.

That he was dismissed there the first part of March. That the enemy came out of Amboy the night before he was dismissed & on the morning was drawn up on our parade ground, led out as supposed by the tories.

We retreated back & then attacked, and the British retired.

That he cannot from old age and consequent loss of memory state the precise length of said service but that it was not less than seven months as a private.

That he was born in Tyngsboro Massachusetts in the year 1759—

That he has a record of his age in his fathers bible.

That he lived in said Tyngsboro when he went into service, & has lived in Nelson where he now lives the last forty five years—was a volunteer in said service. Has stated as fully in relation to his company & Regt officers as he can—Recollects at Rhode Island—Genl Sullivan—Recollects a Black Regt—Recollects that the French fleet was in there—did not receive any written discharge.—Does not know of any person living who knew him in the service & has delayed his application on that account—is known to Rev Gad Newell of Nelson—is known to Samuel Scripture his Townsman who can state as to his veracity &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. (Signed) Time. Bancroft

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Asa Parker Reg. of said Court of Probate.