

Pension Application for Stephen Bellows

W.23577 (Widow: Lydia) Married September 10, 1780. Stephen died March 26, 1838.
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Declaration, in order to secure the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Worcester, SS.

On this sixth day of September in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court, before Nath Paine Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester now sitting Stephen Bellows a resident of Southborough in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged seventy five 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 7th 1832.

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

(A.) That on or about the middle of November 1775 he volunteered as a private in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the Massachusetts, Militia for three months in Capt. Silas Gates's Company and marched immediately in Dorchester near Boston in said Commonwealth and there joined Col. Jonathan Ward's Regiment the Brig. Gen.

I do not recollect, Maj. Gen. Artemas Ward and Gen. Washington the Commander in chief, and there served in the service at Dorchester, till near the time the British troops under the command of Lord William Howe successor of Gen Gage evacuated Boston on the 17th day of March 1776 when I completed my full term of service of three months and then was verbally discharged—for the evidence of this campaign reference to be had to affidavit marked (A).

(B.) Also that sometime in the month of August 1776, he volunteered as a private in Capt Asa Rice's Company of Shrewsbury for three months and marched to Horse Neck in New York and there joined Co. Samuel Denny's Regiment and there served a number of week[s] then marched to TarryTown and there served a number of weeks and from thence to New-Castle all in the State of New York and there completed my full term of service of three months and then at New-Castle was verbally discharged—The officers that I recollect in this campaign were Capt Asa Rice of Shrewsbury, Col Samuel Denny of Leicester, Lt Col Tyler of Mendon—for documentary evidence of this term of service reference to be had to affidavit marked (B.)

(C.) Also that sometime in the month of December 1776 he went as a substitute (for Jotham Bellows his father, his father having been drafted for three months and his family being sick) for three months in Capt Elijah Bellow's Company and march[ed] in Capt Elijah Bellows's Company and marched immediately to Danbury in Connecticut and there stayed a week or more and from thence to Peekskill in New-York and there joined Col. Sparahawk's Regiment and stayed there several weeks and thence on an Island in the Hudson River upon which was a fort (the name now I do not recollect) and stayed there a week or two and from thence to Bound-Brook where I stayed until I completed my full term of service of three months and there I was verbally discharged.

The officers that I now recollect at this period were Capt. Elijah Bellows of Southborough, Col. Nathan Sparahawk Lt Col Jonathan Grout of Petersham and Major Job Cushing of Shewsbury – for documentary evidence reference to affidavit marked. (C.)

(D.) (E.) Also that on or about the first of July 1777 he enlisted in Capt. Asa Rice's Company and marched immediately back to Bennington and there arrived on the day of the Battle at said Bennington August 16th towards evening and there served in guarding the prisoners &c &c till some of the first days of September being in the Service full two months, and at Bennington I was verbally discharged – for evidence of this campaign to affidavits marked (D.) and (E.) The officers that I recollect were Capt Asa Rice, Lt Isaac Ball, and Gen. Stark took the command at said Battle.

(F.) and (G.) Also that on the last of February or first of March 1778 he enlisted into Capt Seth Newton's Company of three months, and marched immediately to Roxbury near Boston in Mass, and there joined Col. Dyke's Regiment and there I served in guarding the magazine and stores at said Roxbury and at Dorchester Heitht's and Point and in Boston, in the service the full term of three months and then was verbally discharged at Roxbury—reference of this campaign to affidavits marked (F.) and (G.)

(H.) Also that on the first or second day of June 1778 he enlisted into Capt. Seth Newton's Company for one month at said Roxbury the day I was discharged at the above campaign (the reason of this short enlistment was there were no troops come or coming to take our places and the commanding officer orders were that we or as many as would, should enlist and served one month and was verbally discharged at said Roxbury on the second day of July—for evidence of this to affidavit marked (H.)

(I.) I was born in Southborough, Worcester Co., Mass. August 10th 1757 and for evidence of this reference to letter (I.) and resided in said Southborough before the War and I have lived ever since at said Southborough. (Signed) Stephen Bellows.

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. Before Nath. Paine, Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester.