

Pension Application for Timothy Gibbons

S.13142

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden SS.

On this Eighth day of August in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in Open Court before the Probate Court now holden at Springfield within and for said Hampden County. Present Hon. Oliver B. Morris Esqr. Judge of said Court.

Timothy Gibbons of Granville in said Hampden County aged Seventy 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 was born in said town of Greenville 2 Feb'y 1762—and the same is recorded in the town records of said town of Granville.

That he first entered the service of the United States as a soldier in the War of the Revolution in the month of January 1778—that he enlisted at said Granville and was immediately marched to Springfield in said State of Massachusetts and placed in Capt Morgan's Company—that he served out said term of six months as a guard as the United States Arsenal at said Springfield and was regularly discharged—does not recollect whether he had any written discharge to prove this service he has the deposition of Israel Parsons, Esqr of said Granville and he knows of no other person who can testify to the same.

That in the month of August 1780 Asahel King an Apprentice to Daniel Cooley of said Granville was drafted a Soldier, and the said Daniel Cooley hired him the said Gibbons as a substitute to take the place of said Asahel King.

He therefore in said month of August enlisted as a soldier in the service of the United States in the place of said King for the term of three months under the command of Capt Samuel Thrall—does not recollect the names of the other officers but thinks the Colonels name was Willett.

He marched in said Company to Schoharie in the State of New York and staid [stayed] there a while—thence to Fort Plain—thence to fort Herkimer—during his continuance there the news of the Surrender of Cornwallis reached out the time of his enlistment he returned home.

To the last mentioned service he has the testimony of Levi Spelman and Abner Persons both of said Granville—which is all the evidence he is able to obtain—said David Cooley and Asahel King have both deceased.

He has no documentary evidence of any part of his services, nor any written discharge, now does he recollect precisely the manner in which he was discharged—but in both instances he left the service after the expiration of his term and in a regular manner—He has ever since resided in said town of Greenville.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not one the Pension Roll of the Agency or any State. (Signed) Timothy Gibbons.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Justin Willard. Register of said Court of Probate.