

Pension Application for James Ward

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Suffolk SS Boston

On this fourteenth day of July 1835 personally appeared before the Municipal Court of the City of Boston at a special Session of the Court now holden in said Suffolk James Ward a resident of said Boston aged seventy six 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That at the time the British drove our army from New York, in September 1776, I enlisted as a private at New York & entered the American Army under General Washington. My company was commanded by Capt. Ward, & was in the first battalion 7 first regiment of New York troops—I was under the immediate command of General Heath; the name of my Colonel I cannot now recall—I fought at the battle of White Plains, soon afterwards crossed Dobbs Ferry & was stationed near Anthony's nose during the cold weather. I served under this enlistment for the space of nine months & was discharged.

After receiving my discharge I came on to Boston & to the best of my recollection in October 1779 I enlisted as a Seaman for one year in the Dean Frigate commanded by Harry Nickerson. Mr. Doliver was first Lieutenant. I sailed in her on a cruise to the West Indies, took a number of prizes & returned to Boston as near as I can remember in the ensuing March—After the Frigate arrived in Boston. I remained attached to the vessel & subject to the orders of my commander until the year for which I enlisted had expired--& was then discharged—

He has no documentary evidence & knows of no survivor except Rufus Davis, by whom he can prove his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State.

In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he says.

That he was born in the City of New York. March 22nd 1760--& was married July 24th 1783 as will appear by the annexed certificate.

When called into service he lived in New York, he has since lived in Salem & now lives in Boston.

He volunteered—

He has already enumerated the names of such officers as he recollects as well as the general circumstances of his service.

He received a discharge which is lost. He has no record of his age. (Signed) James Ward

Boston July 14th AD 1835. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court before me Peter O. Thatcher, Judge &c.