

Pension Application for Caleb Abbot or Abott

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.
State of Massachusetts: County of Essex, SS.

On this thirteenth day of September A.D. 1832, personally appeared before me David Cummins one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas within and for said County of Essex the same being a Court of Record, Caleb Abbot, a resident of Andover, in the County of Essex and State of Massachusetts, aged 80 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 7, 1832.

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

That on the 19th day of April 1775 he entered the service at Cambridge Massachusetts in Capt. Ames Company and Col. Frye's Regiment in the Massachusetts line he thinks on the Continental establishment as a substitute for his Brother Timothy Abbot, and on the same day marched for Lexington, and from thence to Cambridge Massachusetts and remained there in the service till the first day of January 1776, at which time, the period for which his said Brother for home he was a substitute had enlisted, expired. On the 17th day of June 1775 he was in the Battle of Bunker Hill and during the battle two musket Balls from the Enemy pierced the hat and three the coat, which he wore on that occasion.

On the first day of January 1776 he entered the service having enlisted the week before in Capt. Shortridges Company in Col Poor's Regiment in the New Hampshire Line on the Continental Establishment, and remained in the service at Winter Hill, Clarkstown, till the 29th day of March according to the best of his recollection and then marched to New York City, and after a short stay from thence to Albany, and from thence to Canada where he remained till sometime in June, when he marched to Ticonderoga, where he staid till about the middle of November next following; he then marched to Newtown in Pennsylvania and on the evening of the 25th day of December crossed the Delaware and was present & assisting at the Capture of the Hessians, and was in the battle of Trenton, which took place on the 26 day of December 1776.

On the first day of January 1777, the time for which he had enlisted having expired, he enlisted for one month and a half longer, and on the second day of January was in the second battle of Trenton, and on the 3d in Princeton battle, and on the 15th day of February having served out the last mentioned term, left the service and returned to Andover Mass'ts where he has ever since resided.

During all the time aforesaid except while a substitute, he served in the capacity of a Sergeant.

He had no written discharge. He was a volunteer.

He was born at said Andover in Nov 10th 1751, and lived in Salem Mass'ts for about one year previous to his entering the service; all the Rest of his life except while in the service he has resided in Andover. He has a record of his birth in the Books of

the town of Andover in the Town Clerks Office, and he is well known to the Rev'd Milton Badier and Nathaniel & wife Esquire but [line blotted].

He herby 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. (Signed) Caleb Abbot.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. D. Cummins, Judge of C. C. Pleas.