

Pension Application for Aaron Adams

W.9323 (Widow: Sarah)
Green Mt. Boys, Vt.
State of Indiana
Johnson County SS.

On this 6th day of August in the year of our Lord, eight hundred and forty one personally appeared before me James. R. Alexander associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Johnson County, Sarah Adams a resident of said County of Johnson and State of Indiana aged eighty four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 11, 1836. That she is the widow of Aaron Adams who was a Sergeant in the Militia in the Army of the revolution, that she has always understood from her said husband the said Aaron Adams entered the service as a volunteer somewhere in the State of Vermont in the year seventeen hundred and seventy five that he marched through Castleton from whence under the Command of Colonel Ethan Allen (1) to the fortress of Tyconderoga (2) and that he was present at the capture of it in this expedition it is the impression of the said Sarah Adams from the statements of her said husband the said Aaron Adams he the said Aaron was out and in the service four or five months again in the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven the said Sarah says from the statements of her said husband and the other persons who are now deceased she believes her husband entered the service as a Sergeant in the militia was at and engaged in the Battle of Bennington (3) from which time he continued in the service until the latter part of September of the year last aforesaid the company to which he belonged she thinks was commanded by Captain John Spafford of Tinmouth in the State of Vermont. His Colonel was Seth Warner. (4) The said Sarah further states that to her own knowledge the said Aaron her said husband was in the service and on duty as a sergeant in Captain Spafford's (5) company in the fall and winter previous to his intermarriage with her and after that event for something over two years on several occasions was in the service one of which was a tour to Meshaba (now Brandow) against a body of Indians. She also further declares that she was married to the said Aaron Adams on the twenty first day of May AD 1778, that he husband the said Aaron Adams died on the thirteenth day of December in the year AD 1833 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed Sarah Adams)
Letter of reply to an inquire, dated September 21, 1937

Reference is made to your request for information relative to the Revolutionary War soldier, Aaron Adams, W.9323.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, W.9323, based upon the military service of Aaron Adams.

Aaron Adams was born March 22, 1747. The place of his birth and the names of his parents were not given.

While a resident of Tinmouth, Vermont, he enlisted in 1775 and served at various times, amounting to four or five months in all, with the Green Mountain Boys under Captain Oliver Potter (6) and Colonels Ethan Allen and Seth Warner; he was in the battle of Ticonderoga. He enlisted in the spring of 1777 and served until sometime in the fall or winter of that year as sergeant in Captain John Spafford's Vermont company; he was in the battles of Hubbardton, (7) Bennington and at the capture of Burgoyne. (8) After May, 1778, he served at various times, amounting to at least two years in all, officers not stated.

He married May 21, 1778, Sarah Hard who was born June 11, 1757.

Aaron Adams died December 13, 1833.

His widow, Sarah, was allowed pension on her application executed August 6, 1841, at which time she was a resident of Johnson County, Indiana. In 1841 she was living in Milen, Erie County, Ohio.

Aaron and Sarah Adams had the following children:

Charlotte born August 17, 1780, Married May 6, 1800

Mary born December 21, 1781, married December 28, 1801

Aaron born November 25, 1783, married December 22, 1803 was resident of Franklin County, Indiana in 1841.

Abraham born September 29, 1785, married January 21, 1819 and was a resident of Avon, Livingston County, New York in 1845.

Elisa born September 7, 1787

Sebastian born August 3, 1789

Cylindia born April 7, 1792, married January 31, 1810

Noble born February 3, 1794

Malissia born February 12, 1798

Lysander born May 31, 1799

End Notes—W.9223—Aaron Adams

1. Ethan Allen was the Colonel of the Green Mountain Boys until September 25, 1775 when he was taken prisoner in his failed attack on Montreal.
2. Fort Ticonderoga, NY was captured on May 10, 1775.
3. The Battle of Bennington was fought on August 16, 1777.
4. Seth Warner was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the Green Mountain Boys on July 27, 1775. After Colonel Allen was captured Warner commanded the regiment. On July 5, 1776 he was appointed Colonel of one of the Sixteen Additional Continental Regiment.
5. Captain John Spafford's Company belonged to the Vermont Militia not to Warner's Continental Regiment.

6. Oliver Potter served in the Green Mountain Boys from May to December 1775.
7. The Battle of Hubbardton, Vermont was fought on July 7, 1777.