

Pension Application for Asa Adams

W.23403 (Widow: Elizabeth) Asa was born Nov. 10, 1752. Died Nov 8, 1839.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex SS.

On this thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honourable Judge of the Court of Probate, in and for the County of Middlesex aforesaid, now sitting, Asa Adams a resident of Hopkinton in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged seventy nine 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, A.D. 1832:

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

That in the month of April in the year 1775 directly after Lexington Fight he was drafted by reason of an alarm and marched to Cambridge in Cpt. John Homes' Company and stayed in Cambridge one night and was then marched to Roxbury and stationed near the Punch Bowl Tavern and stayed there doing duty as a private in said Company one month until the Government had got troops raised and he was dismissed and returned home to Sherburn; and that at this time the troops were not very well arraigned, every thing appeared to be in confusion, and that Col. Bullard of Sherburn and Major Sprout were at Roxbury with him.

And that in July 1775 according to the best of his recollection he enlisted to guard some public stores in Sherburn in the County of Middlesex and served there three months, that the guard consisted of one Sergeant and six men, that the Sergeant was Reuben Partridge of Sherburn, that he will recollects the time how long he guarded said stores, but is not positive as to the time when, and that the main object of ;the guard was to preserve the stores from the Tories.

And that in the latter part of December 1775 he enlisted into a Company commanded by Capt Henry Leland of Sherburn, Daniel Eames, Lieutenant and Staples Chamberlain, Ensign, for two months, that he joined the Company in Sherburn and marched to Roxbury near Boston and was stationed at different places in Roxbury, that he served as a private in said Company two months and was then dismissed and returned home to Sherburn, and that at this time his business was to supply till and army could be raised and it being in the winter it was very seldom that the Regiment was paraded and he did not see much of the field officers and that he does not recollect their name, they all being strangers to him.

And that in the forepart of March 1778 he enlisted into a Company commanded by Capt John Homes, Joseph Arnold Lieutenant for three months to guard Burgoyne's men at Cambridge and that he went to Cambridge and served there as a private in said Company three months guarding Burgoyne's men, it being the British that he guarded on Prospect Hill, that the Hessians were stationed on winter Hill, that the troops were all Militia where he was and that the Field Officers were strangers to him and he has forgotten their names.

And that in July 1778 he was drafted by reason of an alarm to go to Tiverton in the State of Rhode Island and stayed there a few days and was dismissed and returned home to Sherburn and that within two days after he got home he was again ordered to Rhode Island and he went again and stayed a number of days as a private at Rhode Island making in both times at least two weeks, and that Lieutenant John Sanger of Sherburn commanded the Company at this time the Captain being on the Island before.

That he was born in Douglas in the County of Worester on the tenth day of November 1752, he has a record of his age which he made himself by the directions of his parents and that he supposes that it is on the records in Douglas the town where he was born which is twenty ;miles distant, that he lived in Sherburn when he entered the service and that he lived there till about the year 1800 when he removed to Hopkinton and that he has lived in Hopkinton ever since, that he never received any3 written discharge but was dismissed verbally when his time was out, and that he is known in his present neighborhood to Samuel Goddard. Benjamin Pong, Richard Gamage, Joseph Walker, Moses Greenwood, Joshua Mellen, Joseph Morse, Joseph Valentine and others who can testify as to ;his charter for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution and that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can provide who can testify as to his service except John Deckman whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.

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 any state. (Signed) Asa Adams.