

Pension Application for Elijah Adams

S.2494 Born Feb 17, 1784.

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two personally appeared before me Stephen Thorn one of the Judges of the Court of the Court of Common Pleas [sic] in and for the said County of Dutchess and State aforesaid, Elijah Adams a resident of the Town of Pine Plains in the County of Dutchess and state aforesaid aged seventy eight years the seventeenth day of February last past; 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That is to say.

That he was borne [born] as he understands and verity [verily] believes on the seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty four in the Town of Pomfret (now Brooklyn) in the County of Windham and State of Connecticut, and that he has no record of his age.

And this deponent further says, that on or about the twentieth of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five (he then living in the said town of Pomfret) in the County of Windham in the State aforesaid, he entered the service of the United States in the State Troops of the State of Connecticut, as a volunteer, under a requisition of the Governor and assembly of the State Troops of the State aforesaid, as a Surgeons Mate to a Regiment, and that he had a Commission or a warrant as a Surgeon's Mate from Governor Jonathan Trumbull who was then governor of said State; that said regiment to which this deponent was assigned, was under the immediate command of Brigadier General Israel Putnam of the said Town of Promfret in Windham County in said State.

That doctor John Speldwin was Surgeon of said regiment; Experience Starrs of the Town of Mansfield in said County of Windham and state aforesaid, was Lieutenant Colonel, John Durkey of the Town of Norwich, in New London County in said State was first Major and Obadiah Johnson of the Town of Canterbury in Windham County was Second Major, and to said Regiment Some of the Captains and Lieutenants were; Captain Ebenezer Molley of the Town of Windham, in said Windham County, Captain Israel Putnam Jun'r, of the said Town of Pomfret and Captain Knowlton, he Believes his name was Thomas Knowlton, the said Knowlton was afterward commissioned in the United States service, on Lieutenant Tilden of the town of Lebanon in the said County of Windham.

And this deponent further says, that he joined said Regiment at Cambridge in the State of Massachusetts, the head quarters of General Putnam not far from the twentieth of May in the year 1775 under the command of the above named officers; and continued in the said service, and done the duties of a Surgeon's Mate untill the latter part of January or fore part of February in the year one thousand sevenhundred

[seven hundred] and seventy-six, when he received his discharge in writing from Lieutenant Colonel John Durkey who then acted as Colonel of said Regiment, at Cambridge in the State of Massachusetts having served in the said service of the United States more than eight months—

And this deponent makes further declaration and says that he was at the battle of Bunkers Hill in Massachusetts fought on the 17th day of June 1775 between the American troops, and the British troops during the aforesaid term of service; and that about thirty persons belonging to the said regiment which he was surgeons mate were [was?] wounded in said action and brought to Cambridge where Doctor John Spalding had his head quarters; and this deponent makes the further declaration and says that there were State Troops from the following states, at, in and about Cambridge, [Rocksbury?] &c in Massachusetts at the same time with this deponent; and under the command of the following officers, to wit, from the State of New Hampshire under the Command of General John Sullivan, and one of the Regiments under general John Sullivan, was commanded by Colonel Enoch Poor, from the State of Rhode Island, commanded by General Nathaniel Green; and troops from Massachusetts, commanded by Generals, Artemas Ward, William Heath, Warren &c from the State of Connecticut General Israel Putnam, one regiment from Connecticut was commanded by Colonel Jedediah Huntington of Norwich, Joseph Trumbull, son of Governor Jonathan Trumbull was Commissary General of the Connecticut Troops at Cambridge in said State of Massachusetts during this expedition.

And this deponent makes the further declaration and says that the latter part of June or fore party of July 1775 after the battle of Bunker Hill and whilst this deponent was so in the service of the United States, General George Washington arrived at Cambridge, and took command of the American Army, Horatio Gates came with him, and acted as adjutant General. Thomas Miffin of Pennsylvania likewise came with General Washington and acted as quartermaster General of the American Army and Doctor John Morgan of Philadelphia came and was Director General of the Hospitals.

And this deponent makes the further declaration and says that from the great length of time he so served in the United States service, his commission or warrant that he received from Governor Jonathan Trumbul [sic] as Surgeons Mate, and his discharge from said service by Lieutenant Colonel John Durkey, are lost, and that he has no documentary evidence of his said service, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

This deponent makes the further declaration and says that in the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, he removed from the Town of Pomfret (now Brooklyn) in the State of Connecticut, to the Town of Worthington in the County of Hampshire in the State of Massachusetts, and set up his practice as a surgeon and phisician [physician], where he continued to live untill about the middle of July 1777, soon after the evacuation for Fort Ticonderoga by General Arthur St. Clair, by a requisition and order of the Governor of Massachusetts, ordering out the Stat Troops of that state, to oppose the progress of Generals Burgoyne, I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer; and as a Surgeon to a regiment

commanded by Major Clapp of North Hampton in Hampshire County and State of Massachusetts, who gave me the appointment of Surgeon of his regiment, and to whose regiment Captain Ebenezer Webber of Worthington, Captain White of Goshen and Captain Benjamin Bonny all of said County of Hampshire commanded Companies, the adjutant of the regiment was Asa Pomeroy of North Hampton in said County, Benjamin Clapp (he believes his name was Benjamin) son of Major Clapp was Quartermaster of said Regiment.

The regiment marched through Pittsfield Massachusetts, from thence to New Lebanon Columbia County, state of New York, and from thence to Albany in the State of New York, from Albany to a place then called Moses Creek, between Fort Miller and Fort Edward, and there joined the American army under the Command of Major General Philip Schuyler, Brigadier General Enoch Poor of New Hampshire State was there and commanded the New Hampshire troops, at Moses creek General Kosiesko and benedict Arnold. From Moses Creek the American Army retreated, near to Saratoga and from thence to Saratoga Flatts as it was then called, and at a place called Mill creek, there was a skirmish fought between a part of the American Army and the British Army—soon after this general Schuyler marched a part of the American Army on an Island, then called Van Schaick's Island in the Mowhawk river, about this time general Horatio Gates arrived and took command of American Army, there was from Massachusetts Generals, Simon, Nixon, and Learned commanding the Massachusetts troops at this time, the Americans fell back to Stillwater, and Major Clapp marched his Regiment to Lansingburgh in Rensselaer County in said State of New York, when sometime in the month of September 1777 he discharged his regiment by Parole, having served in this expedition about [?] months as surgeon of said Regiment.

And this deponent makes the further declaration and says that after his discharge by Major Clapp he received his pay as surgeon of a Regiment from Benjamin Clapp who was quartermaster of said regiment; and as he was informed by quartermaster Clapp at the time he received his pay of him for his services as aforesaid, the pay roll of said regiment was signed by General Horatio Gates. And this deponent makes the further declaration and says, that from the great length of time since his said service in the United States service, his said warrant from Major Clapp as surgeon of his said regiment is lost, and that he has no documentary of his said service, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service last mentioned.

And this deponent makes the further declaration and says that after his discharge, my Major Clapp at Lansingburgh in the State of New York, from the service of the United States, he returned to [?] in the County of Hampshire in the State of Massachusetts, and lived there until the year 1786, when he removed to the Town of North East (now Town of Pine Plains) in Dutchess County and State of New York, and set up the practice of Surgery and Phisic and said Town he has ever since resided and now resides, and he says that he is well acquainted, with Jonathan Duel and Milton Bentley inhabitants and residents of said Town of Pine Plains) & Jacob Course, of the

Town of Milan (and untill within a few years past was a part of the Town of North East) in the County of Dutchess in said State of New York all of whom this deponent believes will testify to his good Character for veracity, and their belief from the general reputation in the neighborhood, that he was a revolutionary soldier, and that he is of the age he represents and this this [sic] deponent further saith that he is well acquainted with the [?] Herman Vedder of the Town of Gallatin in the County of Columbia in the State of New York, who lives about one & a half mile from this deponent, who this deponent believes, will testify to his good character for veracity &c.

Further he the said Elijah Adams does hereby relinquish 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 and further he saith not. (Signed) Elijah Adams

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before Stephen Thorn,
Judge