

Pension Application for Joel Adams

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I Joel Adams of Sharon in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire Husbandman a Resident Citizen of the United States now in the seventieth year of my age do solemnly swear that the sixth day of March or thereabout in the year of our Lord 1781 I inlisted [enlisted] a private soldier for the term of three years to serve against the common enemy in the Revolutionary War in the Town of Lincoln in the State of Massachusett[s] & passed muster in Concord Ms. the same day I inlisted and served in Capt Prichard's Company in the third Regiment in the Massachusetts Line commanded by Colo Gratton untill the twenty fourth day of December AD 1783 or sometime last of the month of s'd December when I was honorably discharged in writing or printing at West Point in the State of New York. I served my Country in 1775 eight month[s] in Capt Smith's Company in Colo Nixon's Regt, Mass. Line and in 1776 I served two months more in Capt Wheelers Company. My discharge for the three years service I have to the Hon'ble Jeremiah Smith who was formerly a member of Congress & approved afterward a district Judge of the U States under President Adams who told me that Congress would make up the pay to the Soldiers of the 3d Mass'tts Regt. As our regiment was never paid for the last year 1783 as the paymaster went off with the month. What s'd Smith did with my discharge I know not for he never returned me my discharge or paid me any money. I have never learned wheth[er] Congress ever made up the pay of the Soldiers for that year. I was in the battle of Concord or Lexington & in a battle near Kingsbridge NY at a place called round Hill.

I have never been on the Pension List of Invalids and am in Reduced circumstances & stand in need of assistance from my Country for my support.

I have no further evidence in my power at this time that I can offer in support of my service & claims to a pension. (Signed) Joel Adams

Sworn to this 12th day of May AD 1818 before me J K Smith. Associate Justice of the Court of C. Pleas for County of Hillsboro