

Pension Application for John Adams

S.12906 Born May 25, 1760.

State of New York

Ontario County SS

On this twenty seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the county Court now sitting John Adams a resident of the town of Bloomfield County and State aforesaid aged seventy one 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.

1st At Alford in the County of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, he enlisted for ten months in Captain William Pacons Company in Colonel Porters Regiment and was mustered at Stockbridge County and State last mentioned in the month of March 1776, and marched through Bennington to Skeensboro and wet on board a Boat Slopped? At Ticonderoga and thence to St. Johns by Sorrell, and then to Quebeck where General Wooster was in command who was succeeded by General Thomas. While there war inoculated for th small Pox as the disease prevailed there, was ordered back about forty miles and then retreated to Sorrell Point, and after cured of the Small Pox, went Chamblee and while there General Thomas died after this went back to Sorrell and there made Fortifications. Went back to Chamblee and while ther wasd joined by our Troops fromteh Cedars, and after the stores were sent of f the troops retreated to Ticonderoga and was employed opposite Ticonderoga at Fort Independence in making Fortifications under the Command of General Gates. Saw General Gates often, about the last of September was sick and received a furlough, and went home to Alford but was unable to return at the expiration of the furlough in consequence of continued sickness.

He was accompanied home with his Brother Jonathan Adams, and Jeduthan Dickinson who were also soldiers in the same company.

2d In the month of May or June 1777 at Alford was drafted and enrolled in Captain Fitch's Company in Colonel Ashleys Regiment and was marched to Kinderhook and then to Fort Edward and after a short stay went to Bloody Ponds towards Fort George, then ordered to retreat. Then ordered to Kingsboro where we was encamped. After this retreated to Fort Edward, thence to Stillwater, this was a draft for two months, after the time expired was addressed by a General Officer and requested to remain two weeks longer, and the whole Regiment remained for two weeks as requested, believes it was two months in all.

3d In the year following was enlisted for three months in Capt [blank] Company in Colonel Israel Chapins Regiment to go to Fort Stanwix was marched to Claverick [Claverack]and then to Albany where we went into barracks, being countermanded, and remained there until discharged.

Has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

Was born in Oblong, Dutchess [Dutchess] County and State of New York the 25 May 1760. Have no record of my age. Have lived since the War at Great Barrington and removed into Bloomfield where I now live more than forty years ago, never received a written discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

He knows Abner Adams & Benjamin Gauss. (Signed) John Adams

Sworn & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid—in open Court. Solomon Goodale, resident Clergyman, Town of Bristol.

Letter in folder dated June 18, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

John Adams, S.12906

Wm. Erwin, S.43529

Reference is made to your request for information relative to John Adams who served in the Revolutionary War and Lieutenant William Irwin who served in the "War for the reduction of Canada" presumably identical with the French and Indian War of 1754-1763, or who served in the Revolutionary War.

This office has no record of service rendered prior to the Revolutionary War, therefore it has no record of Lieutenant William Irwin who served in the French and Indian War.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.12906, based upon the military service of John Adams.

This soldier stated that he was born May 25, 1760, in Oblong, Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents were not given.

While living in Alford, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, he enlisted and served as private with the Massachusetts troops as follows: from March, 1776, ten months in Captain William Bacon's company in Colonel Porter's regiment; from May or June, 1777, two months under Captains Fitch and Wilcox in Colonel Ashley's regiment; in 1778, three months in Colonel Israel Chapin's regiment.

After the Revolution he moved to Great Barrington, state not given, and from there he moved to Bloomfield, Ontario County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 27, 1832, while living in Bloomfield, New York, and he then stated that he was seventy-one years of age and that he lived in Bloomfield for more than forty years.

He stated that his brother, Jonathan Adams, served in the same company with him in 1776.

One Abner Adams was living in Bloomfield, New York, in 1832, relationship not shown.

The papers in this claim contain no further data relative to the family of John Adams.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim S.43529, based upon the military service of William Erwin, the only soldier of that

name (searched under all spellings) who lived in the New York State, that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

While living in Montgomery, Orange County, New York, William Erwin entered the service in the spring of 1777 as lieutenant in Captain Daniel Niven's company in Colonel William Malcolm's Continental Regiment and served three years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 2, 1828, at which time he was living in Orange County, New York, aged eighty-one years and two months.

In 1828 William Erwin stated that his wife (name not given) had been dead for eleven years and some months and that he never had any children.

This soldier died January 16, 1834, in Minisink, Orange County, New York.

In 1845 one Jonathan O. Dunning, aged forty-five years and a resident of Mamakating, Sullivan County, New York, was administrator of the estate of William Erwin.