

Pension Application for Nathaneil Adams

W.20563 (Widow: Zebiah) Nathaneil was born May 17, 1751, died Nov 16, 1833.

United States of America

Rhode-Island District, Sc. August Term 1832.

County of Providence

On this 20th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, being a District Court of the United States within and for said, District, now in session—Nathaniel Adams, a resident of Providence in the County of Providence and state of Rhode Island aged 81 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, viz.

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

He was born May 17th 1751 in Wrentham Mass as by the records of that town will appear & lived in Wrentham when he entered the service and since the War has lived in Franklin & for the last 18 years past has lived in Providence.

And this applicant further states that on the nineteenth day of April 1775 he enlisted as a corporal & served as such until June following when he was promoted to a Sargeant in Cap Boyas Company of minute men of Wrentham Mass & marched for Roxbury where the company joined the regiment of Col Brayton—Massachusetts Militia & continued in that company untill June following when by consent he joined Cap. Drapers Company of the Continental Line of Massachusetts Troops & Col. Gardner's regiment & continued to serve as sergeant untill the first of January 1776—when he received a written discharge which is now lost. He was in the battle of Bunker Hill June 17th 175 where Col. Gardner was mortally wounded under this enlistment served eight months & eleven days and this applicant further states that in August 1776 he was drafted & served three months as corporal in Capt Samuel Fishers Company & Col McIntosh's regiment of Massachusetts Militia & marched for the [said Pits?] and was stationed there & also at White Plains in the State of ;New York had a light skirmish with the enemy at the [said Pits?] & took some prisoners.

And this applicant further states that in August 1778 he was again drafted & served as corporal one month in Capt Cowells company & Col Benjamin Houses regiment of Massachusetts Militia & served in Sullivan's expedition on Rhode Island—and he also states that he distinctly saw the blowing up of the British Man of War [Lark?] in the passage above Howl ands Ferry, being not more than half a mile from her.

All which enlistments & drafts he served out & has no other documentary evidence except the depositions herewith presented.

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 the Agency of any State. (Signed) Nathaneil Adams

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Witness B. Cowell, Clk