

Pension Application for Samuel Adams

S.23508

State of New York

Franklin County SS

Be it know that on the eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me Cone Andries Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Franklin in the state of New York personally appeared Samuel Adams of the town of Banger in the said County and then & there before me took and subscribed the following oath a affidavit to wit:

Samuel Adams being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is a native of Mendon in the State of Massachusetts now aged sixty four years and this deponent further saith that he is now a resident citizen of the United States residing in the town of Bangor in the county of Franklin and State of New York.

And that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of assistance from his country for support.

And this deponent further saith that in the month of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, he this deponent entered the Army of the United States against the common enemy, that on the fifteenth Day of June in the same year he this Deponent regularly enlisted as a private into a company commanded by Captain John Popkins in the first Regiment of Artillery then commanded by Col. Gridley in which company & Regiment he this Deponent continued to serve till the first of January one thousand seven hundred & seventy six and this deponent further saith that on the first day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six he regularly enlisted as a private into the Department of Artillery commanded by Genl H. Knox into the company commanded by Capt Harry Burbank and this Deponent further said that he continued to serve as a Searjeant [sic] in said company and Department of Artillery until two or three months after the surrender of Lord Corn Wallis in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one when he was transferred into a company of Infantry commanded by Capt Fuller in the Regiment Commanded by Col. H. Jackson in the Massachusetts line of Continental troops in which last mentioned company & Regiment he this deponent continued to serve as a Serjeant until the month of June or July in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three when he this deponent was regularly & honourably discharged at West Point with leave to wear the usual badge of merit at which time he this deponent received a printed discharge a part of which is hereunto attached and this deponent said that the residue of the discharge is torn off lost and destroyed so that no more of it can now be produced.

And this deponent further saith that he served as a soldier in the revolutionary war against the common enemy in the Army of the United States in the battles of Bunkers Hill, Long Island New York, White Plain, Fort Stanwix, Monmouth & York Town.

And this deponent further saith that there is no person residing in this vicinity by whom he can prove any of the above mentioned facts relative to his service, and that the above is the best and only proof now in his power. (Signed) Saml Adams.

Sworn and subscribed before me the 11th day of April 1818. Corn Andrus, Judge.

Letter in folder dated January 31, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.23508, it appears that Samuel Adams, was born at Mendon, Massachusetts, date not stated. He enlisted in April 1775 and served as private and sergeant in Captain John Popkin's company, Colonel Gridley's Regiment of Artillery until January 1, 1776 and then in Captains Henry Burbeck and Joseph Savage's Companies, Colonel Crane's Regiment of Artillery, was in the battles of Bunker Hill where he was wounded, Long Island, New York, White Plains, Trenton, Fort Stanwix, Monmouth and Yorktown, after which transferred to Captain John Fuller's Company, Colonel H. Jackson's Massachusetts Regiment, and was discharged in June or July 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 11, 1818, while a resident of Bangor, Franklin County, New York, aged sixty-four years.

In 1820 soldier and his wife, Deborah, aged fifty-six years were living with their son, George, at said Bangor. Soldier died February 12, 1838.

There are no further data as to family.