

Pension Application for Samuel Adams

S.23090 Born July 24, 1757.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of Vermont

Windham County SS

On this 25th day of July AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Probate Court for the District of Westminster in said State now sitting Samuel Adams a resident of Rockingham in the County of Windham and State of Vermont said Rockingham being in said Westminster District aged Seventy five 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 in the Revolutionary War under the following named officers to wit.

He enlisted for six weeks in Jan'y 1776 in Capt Wheelers Company of Mass militia but does not recollect what Regiment he was stationed at Cambridge and continued in the Service six weeks and was discharged at Cambridge Mass. Had no written discharge John Howard was Lieutenant of said company don't know who the field officers were he marched from Acton Mass. He was discharged in March 1776. Does not know of any person by whom he can prove this service.

He enlisted again in the summer of 1776 for three months in the Massachusetts troops (ensign Davis was our ensign). He was stationed at Dorchester & went to the castle to rebuild it, it having been burnt by the British, he served three months was discharged at Dorchester. But has no written discharge, does not know the months he served does not remember the name of the Colonel, nor the Captain knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

He again enlisted for three months in August 1776 or 7 under Capt Anderson in Col How's Regiment in the Mass troops and marched from Acton Mass to Bates hill in Rhode Island and was stationed there the whole time, he served three months and was discharged but had no written discharge, he was discharged at Bates hill he enlisted after haying and was discharged in the last of Oct, Col How was Col at Rhodeisland [Rhode Island] at that time he does not know of any person by whom he can prove this service.

He enlisted again at Acton Mass in Capt Miners Company of Militia and marched from Acton to Bennington Vt. He marched in August 1777 and continued in the service this time three months and was discharged at s'd Bennington had as he thinks a written discharge which is lost. Genl Stark was at Bennington at this time he was discharged in Nov 1777. Knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

He enlisted again in the fall of 1778 at s'd Acton in the Mass Militia for two months was stationed at Winter hill and Prospect hill he served two months & was discharged at Winter or Prospect hill. But had no written discharge. He served—he cannot remember the name of any officer in his Regt, he was stationed there to guard Burgoyne's men, he was discharged in the fall of 1778 but does not know the time. He does not know any person by whom he can prove this service.

He was never drafted nor was he a substitute but enlisted voluntarily at all times when he served, he was born July 24th 1757 at Acton Mass & has a record of his age at home, he lived at acton Mass. When he entered the service, he lived in Acton & Littleton a few years after the war closed afterwards he lived in Covendish Vermont about ten years and now lives in Rockingham Vermont and has lived there thirty two years.

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) Sam^l Adams

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before Peter M. Taft Judge