

Pension Application for Seth Adams

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State of Pennsylvania

Bradford County SS

On this eighth day of September 1832 personally appeared, before me, John MacKean one of the associate judges of the court of Oyer and Terminer, Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas of the County aforesaid, Seth Adams, a residence of the town of Troy, County and State aforesaid aged eighty 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the command of Col. Smith, as he believes of the Continental army in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Jones in the beginning of May, in the year 1776 in the town of East Springfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts.

That he enlisted at that time for the term of one year, he being then a resident of West Springfield, the adjoining town, voluntarily therefore not considered a volunteer. He was immediately put in charge of a Continental Team, the property of Government. His station during this campaign, or term of service was at the place where he enlisted. That during his term of service he was twice, sent with a team to Providence, Rhode Island, once with ammunition, and once with a field piece, with other teams, under the charge of a person by the name of Avery styled Conductor.

The remainder of his service was in the conveying stores back and forth in Springfield and the adjoining towns at the order of the officers, at other times, in providing forage, and other similar services.

In the month of December next ensuing he was severely attacked by the Rheumatism, so that he was unfitted for service, and by the recommendation and consent of Captain Jones, went home, without other regular discharge. On this occasion he was our seven months, as he thinks and believes. Does not recollect the number of the regiment, nor the names of the other field or company officers.

Thinks the major's name was Chevas or Shivers at that time an old man.

That he has no documentary evidence, and knows no person, now living, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

In the latter part of June 1777, he volunteered, in the Massachusetts State troops in the Regiment commanded by Colonels Mosely and Robinson, in the company commanded by Nathan Rowley at West Springfield Massachusetts. General Poor having the chief command (Brigadier General). That he was marched to Fort Edward, with his company and regiment, from whence they retreated to Noses Crebb, so called where they encamped a short time, thence soon retreated to Fort Miller and thence to Saratoga, before Gen. Burgoyne's army.

Then he was attacked by the ague and fever, and was permitted to return home in the latter part of August. The company of Captain Rowley returned home a few days, after, but joined the army before the battle of Saratoga, and surrender of Burgoyne. The deponent however was disabled still from returning to Saratoga with

them, on account of the fever and ague, which he had contracted at Saratoga, and from which he had not recovered. The lieutenant of his company was Bildad Fowler. On this occasion his services amounted to two months, making in all nine months, while he was in actual service.

On further examination, it was in the Massachusetts Militia that the last tour was performed. He has no documentary evidence, and knows no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Seth Adams
Jno. McKean, Associate Judge Bradford County &c.