

Pension Application for John Adams Alden

W.230589 (Widow: Hannah) Died April 13, 1843

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

State of New York

County of Chenango SS.

On this twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord, 1832, personally appeared before Hezekiah Read Esq. one of the Judges of the court of common pleas in and for the county of Chenango aforesaid, at Pitcher in said county, John A. Alden a resident of the town of Lincklaen in said county, aged seventy 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 by reason of bodily infirmity, having not been able to labor for some time, or be about without pain, he does not feel able to attend court to make the declaration.

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

That he was born at Midway in the State of Massachusetts, in the year 1762; there it is recorded and he has a record in his bible at home.

That he enlisted at said Midway, where he then resided, the latter part of July or forepart of August 1778, for one month under Capt. Adam Peters of Medfield, adjoining Midway in Col. Haw's Regiment – he does not remember the names of the other officers of either the company or regiment. On joining said regiment they marched to Rhode Island, and the second day after arriving there, was in a battle fought there at that time under Gen. Sullivan, and retreated with him off the Island.

After serving eighteen days in this tour he was dismissed at Howland's Ferry, not being wanted longer—the regiment returned.

In the month of May or forepart of June, he again enlisted at Medway, for six months – He does not recollect the names of his company officers—but on enlisting he entered his company and joined Col. Howes' Regiment at Providence in Rhode Island, he believes—soon after went to Bristol, and remained there among the other troops, perhaps, 2 weeks, in the meeting house there as barracks—then went to Newport, got there the day after the enemy had left that place – the enemy did not return there again. That he, in his company, and regiment & others stayed there a few weeks, thinks about two weeks, and then returned to Providence where he stayed the residue of his six months and was then & there dismissed and went home.

While at Providence was guarding the town, and stores kept there—and doing common ordinary duty—

Col. Webb's Regiment was there stationed on the Hill—Gen. Gates, was there—His head quarters were at the Bridge.

That he again, about the first of July 1780, enlisted at Medway, by and at the request of the town, or it was to furnish a certain number of men to fill up the continental troops—Three or four others enlisted with him—The name of one, was

Johmael Coffee—another, Luther Cutler—Soon went to Dorchester & mustered—several others coming in there & mustering from other towns—Then was permitted to go home and directed to go in a few days to Fishkill in the State of New York—soon went to Fishkill & drew some provisions, and was sent to West Point or the highlands & joined the troops—That he was put into Capt. Howell's company, he believes—One Welch, was the orderly sergeant—Col. Grayton of Roxbury commanded the Regiment he was in—and Lieut Col. Hull—Capt. Summer, did the duty of adjutant—Col. Grayton, had command of the Brigade as he was the oldest Colonel—was the 1st Brigade of New York troops—and the Pennsylvania [Pennsylvania] troops, &c, being the main army there, went with them—The army with whose movements he was connected, marched for many miles about in New Jersey, changing from place to place during the summer and fall—

In the month of December, in said year, he marched with the main of said forces up on the west side [of] the Hudson River to West Point and staid there until his six months expired and he was there discharged [discharged] in writing he believes—but his discharge is lost—was thus discharged about the first of January—Forgets who signed it.

That he again entered the service in Col. Grayton's Brigade and same Regiment he was the year before—He forgets his company officers—He entered in September and was in the service this tour three months being dismissed in December 1781—

He enlisted this tour at Medway, as at all other times, and this last time went to the Highlands and at West Point and remained at those places and in the vicinity during said three months. Was a waiter to Commissary Marlin a part of the time, at the Yellow House tavern—this was at Continental Village, near Gallows Hill—He was dismissed at Continental village at the end of his term. Thinks he never received but one written discharge—believes it was not customary to give in such cases—but dismissed by parol. [parole]

That he has no documentary proof of services—that he knows of no person he can procure to testify to his services.

That he is known to Asel Halbert & Charles Dorn in his present neighborhood who can testify in regard to his character for veracity, and as to their belief of his services as a soldier in the revolution.

That after the revolutionary War he lived for some years at Medway aforesaid—then in Rutland, Massachusetts a few years—then to Jamaica in Vermont for a short period—then to Greenwich in Massachusetts again—then removed to Dover in the State of Vermont and resided there a number of years and then came to Lincklaen his present residence where he has since remained.

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 John A. Alden

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Hez Read, Judge Chenango Common Pleas.

Letter in folder dated July 13, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Azor Allen, and John Alden, both of whom received pensions in Chenango County, New York.

You are furnished herein the histories of Azor Allen and John Adams Alden, the data for which obtained from the papers on file in the respective claim for pension based upon the military service of those soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

Azor Alden
W.20592

Azor Allen was born in 1762, in Windham, Windham County, Connecticut. The names of his parents are not shown in the papers in the pension claim.

While residing in Windham, Connecticut, he enlisted and served as a private in the Connecticut Troops, as follows: from June, 1779, two months in Captain Tinker's Company, Colonel Storrs' Regiment and was stationed at New London and Groton: from April, 1780, nine months in Captain Nathaniel Wales Company, Colonel Levi Well's Regiment: from September 1781, two months and again served at New London and Groton, names of officers not shown: after this he was frequently called out on short tours on alarms, about two months in all. He stated that he was in no battle but was in several skirmishes.

After the Revolution, the soldier resided in Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut: in New Lisbon, Otsego county, New York: in Coventry, Chenango County, New York: and in Greene, Chenango County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 30, 1832, at which time he was living in Greene, New York.

Azor Allen died March 22, 1841, place not shown.

The soldier married in the spring of 1782, at Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut, Anna, her maiden name not stated.

Soldier's widow, Anna was allowed pension on her application executed September 26, 1845, at which time she was aged eighty-three years and resided in Greene, New York.

She died February 15, 1853, at Coventry, New York.

It was stated that Azor and Anna Allen reared a family of children: the only names given are

Asher born September 13, 1782.

Luther born June 7, 1791.

Zeruah born ____ ____

The births of the two children given above were recorded on the records of the town clerk of Canterbury, Connecticut.

Daugahter Zeruah was aged forty-four years in 1845 and was then living in Greene, New York. Son Luther was also living in Greene, New York in that year. In 1853, Zeruah was living in Coventry, New York.

There are no further family data.

John Adams Alden

W.20589

John Adams Alden was born July 11, 1762, in Medway, Massachusetts. The names of his parents are not shown in the papers in the pension claim.

While residing at Medway, Massachusetts, he enlisted and served as a private with the Massachusetts Troops as follows: from about August 1, 1778, eighteen days in Captain Adam Peters' Company, Colonel Howe's Regiment and marched to Rhode Island; was in the battle there under General Sullivan: from about June 1, 1779, six months in Colonel Hows' Regiment, again went to Rhode Island and acted as a guard at Providence; from July 1, 1780, six months in Captain Howell's Company, Colonel Greateon's Regiment; from September 1781, three months in Colonel Greateon's Regiment.

After the Revolution, John Adams Alden resided at Rutland, Massachusetts for a few years; then moved to Jamaica, Vermont; thence to Greenwich, Massachusetts; thence to Dover, Vermont, where he resided a number of years; thence to Lincklaen, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 24, 1832, while residing in Lincklaen, Chenango County, New York.

The soldier married Hannah Daniels. The marriage took place June 1, 1786, as shown on the records of the town of Medway, Massachusetts, or June 1, 1787, as shown on a copy of the family record. He was then of Medway, and she of Mendon, Massachusetts. Hannah was born January 27, 1768.

John Adams Alden died April 13, 1845, and his widow, Hannah, died October 9, 1843. The place where they died was not shown.

The names and dates of birth of the following children are shown:

Hannah Alden, 2nd born October 28, 1787.

Reuben Alden born October 15, 1789.

Phinehas Alden born June 17, 1791.

Sally Alden born February 12, 1793.

Luther Alden born January 11, 1795.

Hannah Alden, 3rd born March 27, 1797.

Ira Alden born February 28, 1799.

Mary Alden born November 25, 1800.

John Alden born February 8, 1803.

Lyman Alden born March 27, 1806.

Lyman Alden Rice born September 17, 1816, was a grandson of the soldier; names of his parents not designated.

The following dates of birth of the sisters of John Adams Alden are given:

Melesent Alden born September 13, 1755.

Mary Alden born November 22, 1757.

Sarah Alden born March 21, 1760.

Lois Alden born April 12, 1765.

In 1846, the only surviving children of the soldier, John Adams Alden and his wife, Hannah Daniels Alden, were Phineas Alden, of Newfane, Windham County, Vermont; Luther Alden, of North Adams, Massachusetts; Ira Alden, of Hoosac, New York; and Lyman Alden, a resident of Solon, Courtland County, New York.

The above children were allowed the pension which was due their mother, Hannah, on account of the services of her husband, John Adams Alden in the Revolutionary War, on an application made February 4, 1846.

There are no further family data.