

Pension Application for Nathaniel Aldrich or Aldrick

W.23431 (Widow: Mary)

U. States of America

State of Maine.

County of Cumberland SS.

Freeport District Court.

At a District Court in said County on the second day of November A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty-two personally appeared in open Court, before Asher Ware, Judge of the District Court, Nathaniel Aldrich for Maine District, a resident of Freeport in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine, aged 80 years in January, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he the said Nathaniel Aldrich of said Freeport [?] aged 80 years in January next on the breaking out of the American revolution in the year 1775 went into the service of what was then called the coloney troops in the Massachusetts Militia as a volunteer, but went to Roxbury in Massachusetts, three days after Lexington Battle.

That he was immediately employed on Dorchester Point. On the 17 June in said year he was on duty and on guard at Roxbury—that he was a private in the company of Andrew Peters in the Regt of Col Joseph Reed, and thinks, but is not sure, was in the Brigade of Genl Thomas. He did duty in said service and under said officers till Genl Arnold moved for Canada. He then volunteered and went with him in the company of Capt. Williams of Connecticut—we was eight hundred men under command of Genl Arnold – and our company and Capt McCobbs came back to Roxbury, on the failure of the expedition. I did duty steady, at this time, for eight months.

In January 1776 I enlisted into the year service in the Continental Army and served the whole year and two months service. I was then in the old company [document cut off] went to Providence & served in that service. I was absent in that service about three months. Robert Anderson was in the same company with me viz the company of Capt John Gray of North Yarmouth.

In March 1776 the British left Boston. I went with the regiment to which I belonged to the City of New York by the way of Providence & New London & we continued in New York until the American Army entered the city. We then went into New Jersey & I was stationed with a guard part of the time at Elizabeth Town a part of the time at Brunswick & in other places in New Jersey. The time of my enlistment expired in January 1777 but I remained & served in the guard at a place called Brown Brook [Bound Brook?] a few miles from Brunswick till sometime in the latter part of March when I was discharged. I had no written discharge. (Signed) Nathaniel Aldrich

Signed & sworn to before me this 2d day of November in 1822. Asher Ware, Judge of the United States for the District of Maine.