

Pension Application for Jacob Ames

S.20280

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

State of Maine

Hancock SS.

On this fifth day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Hon. Job Nelson Judge of the Court of Probate for said County Jacob Ames a resident of Brooksville in said County aged seventy four years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1775 & served in the Eighth (he thinks) regiment of the line under the following named officers—Col. John Fellows—Lieut Col. Hayer, Maj. Samuel Tupper, Capt Simeon Hazeltine—Lieut's Black or Balke—that he resided when he enlisted in Oakham Worcester County Massachusetts—he entered for & served eight months was stationed part of the time at Roxbury, Massachusetts, marched from there to Dorchester where he remained till he was discharged, the first of January 1776.

That he served a second term of two months in the Massachusetts Malitia as a substitute for Jesse Graham in the Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Denny name of the Lieut Col he does not recollect Major Clapp in Capt Josiah White's Company—Lieut Jonas Newton & William Watson marched from spencer Massachusetts through Hartford & Newhaven Conn to TerryTown on the North River & from there to Peekskill or Fishkill where he was discharged—he entered of his second term of service in Sept 1776 & was discharged November the same year.

That his third term of service was in the Continental Army, he enlisted at Oakham Massachusetts the last of July AD 1777 for five months in Col. Keyes Regiment. Lieut Col. Wade Major not recollected inn Capt Ralph Earle's company – Lieuts John Cunningham & Isaiah Parmenter, Ensign Thomas Moore, Marched through Worcester to Providence R.I., Stopped there a few days, then marched to UpDikes Newtown thence back to Providence, thence to the Four Corners opposite Newport, thence to Bristol & North Kingston & then back to Providence where he was discharged the first of January 1778.

That his fourth term of service was in the Massachusetts Malitia he entered this term of service at Rutland Massachusetts the last of March 1778 in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Sparhawk, Lieut Col & Major not recollected in Capt William Murrian's Company the names of the Lieuts not recollected—was mustered at Cambridge Massachusetts where he remained about six weeks & then marched to Rutland Massachusetts where he remained till he was discharged in July the same year & was employed as a guard to the prisoner taken with Gen. Burgoine, he served three months at this time.

That he entered the service again for the fifth Term at Rutland Massachusetts in the month of September 1778 & served three months in the Massachusetts Malitia he joined his regiment at Boston where he remained a short time & was detached to

New London Conn. Under the command of a Major Goodwin that he was so short a time with the regiment he does not recollect the names of any of the field or Company officers except the Capt who was named Benjamin Nye.

That he was born at Groton Massachusetts December 14th 1757 & has no record of his age.

That he has lived since the revolutionary war in Hancock County of Hillsborough State of New Hampshire about four years—in Hope County of Waldo State of Main four years in Northport in said County about two years—in Brooksville the remainder of the time till March 1831. Have since then lived part of the time in Windham in said County, now lives in said Brooksville.

That he does not recollect, that he ever had any written discharge.

That he does not know of any surviving witness by whom he can prove his service.

That the Rev. William Mason & John R. Redman Esqr in my present neighborhood are known to him & can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) Jacob Ames

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. J. Nelson, Judge of the court of Probate.

Letter in folder dated June ?, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

The data contained herein were found in the papers on file in pension claim, S.20290, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Jacob Ames, as the soldier signed.

Jacob Ames was born December 14, 1757, in Groton, Massachusetts; the names of his parents are not given.

Company, Colonel John Fellow's Massachusetts regiment, and was discharged January 1, 1776, after having served eight months, the period for which he enlisted. He enlisted in September, 1776, served as private in captain Josiah White's company, Colonel Samuel Denny's Massachusetts regiment, and was discharged in November of the same year. He enlisted the last of July 1777, served as private in captain Ralph Earll's company, Colonel Keyes' Massachusetts regiment, and was discharged the first of January, 1778. He enlisted the last of March, 1778, at Rutland, Massachusetts, served as private in Captain William Marean's [blurred] company, Colonel Sparhawk's Massachusetts regiment, employed as guard to prisoners taken with General Burgoyne, and was discharged in July of the same year. He enlisted in September, 1778, and served three months as private in Captain Benjamin Nye's Massachusetts Company.

After the Revolutionary War, the soldier resided in Hancock, Hillborough County, New Hampshire, about four years; in Hope, Waldo County Maine, four years;

in Northport, same county, about two years; in Brooksville, Maine, until March, 1831, when he moved to Vinalhaven, Maine, then back to Brookville, same state.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 5, 1832, at which time he was residing in Brocksville, Hancock County, Maine.

There are no family data shown in the claim.