

### **Pension Application for Jacob Ammidon or Amidon**

W.21613 (Widow: Esther) Married on one of the first days of March 1784. Esther's maiden name was Ladd. Jacob died Feb 11, 1839.

State of New Hampshire

Cheshire SS

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of Probate now sitting at Keene within & for said County of Cheshire, Jacob Amidon of Chesterfield in said County of Cheshire aged 79 years in September next, so he being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to [tear] to the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832 entitled the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

At the time of the commencement of the American Revolution I was a member of the Senior Class in Cambridge College my father residing in Mendon, Mass.

In April 1775 when the British came out of Boston to Concord & Lexington, through Cambridge, the Students of College were all dismissed.

My class men never joined college again—immediately after the British passed through Cambridge to Lexington, I joined the militia who collected at Cambridge, with a view to prevent the return of the British to Boston.

After their return to Boston, I went to my Father's in Mendon—

After staying at my Father's about two weeks, I joined the American Army at Roxbury, as a volunteer, under Capt. Andrew Peters of Mendon. This was as near as I recollect about the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 1775. General Thomas was my Brigadier General—Genl Thomas wished to employ a soldier who was a good penman, in his office, to make the returns &c.

By the influence of Capt Peters—Maj Brewer & was introduced to General Thomas and officiated in his office as he Clerk, until after the British evacuated Boston—during the time I was detained as his Clerk I was returned as a Sergeant & drew Sergeant's pay.

I went in the detachment and went to Dorchester Heights in the night—where we threw up a Breastwork & filled barrels with dirt to roll upon the British should they attempt to ascent the Hill.

I remained in the service at this time till some of the last days of March following. The exact day I don't recollect—but I know it was after the British evacuated Boston—making about 10 ½ months service—

The Small Pox having broken out in our Army at New York, I not having had it, returned home and was inoculated for; it. I had it very favorably—soon recovered & in May following (1776)- I again volunteered into the service and joined the American Army at New York, under Capt James Foster of Mendon. Co. Holman's Regiment -WE lay in New York when the British landed on Long Island—soon after the retreat from Long Island we evacuated New York and marched to Chelsea -and to Harlam [Harlem] Heights, and from thence to White Plains where the American Army made a stand and a Battle ensued. Here Colonel Holman made me Commissary of the Regiment in

which capacity I continued until May 1777 the expiration of the year for which I volunteered at this time.

In 1777, I went as a volunteer in a company commanded by my Brother, Capt Philip Amiodon to [Tivertown?], R. Island. I was stationed at Tivertown at this time all the time of my service which I think was six weeks.

In addition to the afore mentioned services I went to sea, cruising against the British in an American Privateer, two trips, under the command of Capt John Foster Williams of Boston;--was taken prisoner by the British & imprisoned on board of a British Guard ship, at Providence from November to the following March.

I have no documentary evidence in my possession except 3 Letters from my college friends which were written ton me, whilst I was in the Army & which I have now in my possession. Two from Saml Jennison & one from J. Shimson—nor do I know that any person is now living by whom I can prove my services above satted. There is no person in this region except Ichabod Allbe, of this town, whom I knew when I was young & residing in Mendon.

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.

I was born at Mendon, County of Worcester Mass. A.D. 1753—I have a record of my age in my Bible, which I took from the Townbook at Mendon, Mass. I was at Cambridge College when I first took [?] before the Revolution, I moved to Dudley Mass, from Dudley I moved to Chesterfield where I now reside, more than 50 years since. I volunteered whenever I went into the service. I have stated the names of my officers, Genl Washington, Genl Lincoln was there. I never received any written discharge.

I am known to John Putnam Esqr, Larkin G. Mead Esq, [?] Henderson & Rev. Elihu Smith, my neighbors who can testify for me. (Signed) Jacob Ammidon.

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid, before me, Aaron Mutson Judge of Probate.