

Pension Application for Benjamin Amsden

W.15977 (Widow: Lucy) Married April 1775, Benjamin died July 10, 1837.

I Benjamin Amsden formerly a resident of Groton in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts but now of Plainfield County of Sullivan State of New Hampshire a surviving soldier of the Revolution do depose and say that I took an early and active part in the service of my country—

I engaged in the first 8 months service I think in July or August 1775 in Capt Moore's Company of Col. Prescott's Regiment of the Massachusetts line wherein I served that time out by myself and substitute four months at least of the said 8 months service was performed by myself and the remaining part by one Abel Amsden. The said 8 months was performed in the vicinity of Boston.

I commenced the same at a place called Winter Hill and was discharged at the expiration thereof according to my best recollection at Cambridge the said Boston.

I again enlisted for 5 months in July 1776 in Capt Keops Company of Col. Smith's Massachusetts Regt.

Immediately after my enlistment into said Company we were ordered to the City of New York wherein we were stationed most of the summer during which time I was in the Long Island battle.

We left the City of New York on or about the 15th of September following. We were then ordered to Harlaem Heights where we were stationed for a short time.-- Afterwards at the mile square and at the Sawpits and White Plains, and I was in the Battle at said White Plaines [sic].

We afterwards were ordered to North Castle Church and from thence to Croten River where I with the rest of the Company was discharged in the latter part of December 1776.

I do further depose and say however that owing to long continued sickness in my family I have ever been a poor man. My wife has been ill and most of the time under the care of a Physician ever since my connexion with her which was before I went into the army. She is still living in the 85th year of her age and in a miserable situation—I am now in my 85th year and almost entirely destitute of property and have no other income whatever than from the earnings of my hand with which I can do but very little being lame and otherwise infirm.

And having no house, nor Home, nor any one to depend upon for support, I am under the necessity of asking for assistance (by way of the allowance of a Pension) from that country whose rights and liberties I helped to gain and establish. (Signed) Benj Amsdon

State of New Hampshire January 24, 1832. John Bryant Justice of the Peace.