

Additions to the Pensions, Part 2
Pension Application for Daniel Alvoord

S.45183

State of New-York SS

On this 18 day of May 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Madison aforesaid, personally appears Daniel Alvord aged 60 years, resident I Georgetown in the said county, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain he provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;"

That he the said Daniel³ Alvord enlisted in Oct 1775 in the state of Massachusetts in the company commanded by captain Jonathan Allen of the 17 Regiment commanded by Colo Ward, Massachusetts line that he continued to serve in said corps, or in the U. States until the first of Jany 1777, when

He was discharged from service in Pekersill [Peekskill?] state of New York, that he was in the battles of Long Island, and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of said services.

Sworn to and declares before me, the day and year aforesaid, Daniel Alvoord.

William Whipple Judge Madison Com Pleas.

Pension Application for Eleazer Alvord

S.29585

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

State of Massachusetts

County of Hampshire SS.

On this eighth day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Probate of the said Country, Eleazar Alvord a resident of Northhampton in the county of Hampshire, and State of Massachusetts, aged 70 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1780, with Capt Soper, and served in the Continental regiment of the Massachusetts line, under the following named officers:

1st. Captain Sopers, Lieut Smith (he thinks) Col. Demott's Regiment, Genl Poor's brigade. A requisition having been made for a certain number of men from Northampton, he went with others voluntarily into the service & mustered at South Hadley or Springfield under Col. Woodbridge, marched westerly through Litchfield under a Lieutenant to West Point. Alvord in hundred & seventy five marched from Springfield.

At Litchfield the number increased to 2 or 3 thousand. Having been about 3 weeks at West Point in a company the Captain of which was absent on a furlough in Col. Marshall's regiment, he was transferred to accompany of Infantry of picked men under Capt. Sopers aforesaid, in Col. Demotts regiment aforesaid, who was a very large man. He served in his company about one month in the Jerseys, in the English neighborhood so called.

He was then transferred to the Commissary department under Robertson or Robinson, & assisted in getting stores to the army. Being a good [?] he acted as clerk sometimes in the press of his business, but this was in addition to his other duties & services. He was in the Jerseys till the army went into winter quarters at West Point in December. It snowed immediately after.

He enlisted in June for 6 months, but served longer & till he was discharged which was the latter part of February, he thinks, but cannot recollect precisely. He was in winter quarters he knows a long time. He received a written discharge at West Point which was in the keeping of his master William Pomeroy, a Clothier at Northampton.

2d In 1778 in August he entered the militia service for 2 months & served 2 months & eight days more by request of the Colonel, in Capt Cook's Company. Col. Porter's regiment & marched through Springfield, Windham to Norwich thence on board a sloop to New London there stationed.

He has a record of his age in a family register. Was born Sept 8th 1761 at Northampton. Lived in Northampton when called into service. Eli Edwards of Northampton & Simeon Clapp of Northampton were in the same service in the term first above stated & served six months, but not in the same regiment with said Alvord. He saw them often & has always known them. Simeon Clapp Of Northampton & Elias Root of Williamsburgh & Jonas Clark of Northampton were in the second term of service same company & served [blocked with another piece of paper.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. (Signed) Eleazor Alvord.

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Samuel Hinckley, Judge of Probate.

Pension Application for Jehiel Alvord

R.169 (Widow: Dorothy)

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the Act of Congress of the 4th July 1836.

Massachusetts

Hampshire County SS

On this 5th day of May A.D. one thousand eight hundred & forty personally appeared before the Hon Straman Conkey Judge of the Court of Probate in afor's County now in session, Mrs. Dorothy Alvoord a resident of Northampton or in s'd County, aged eighty one years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on

her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Jehiel Alvoord, late of Northampton aforesaid deceased, who was a private soldier in the War of the Revolution. He enlisted into the service over before his marriage & twice after he was married. He lived at Northampton at the time he first enlisted to go to Ticonderoga seven months under Capt Joseph Lyman she believes Woodbridge was the name of the Colo and that Elijah Bartlett (who is a Revolutionary pensioner under the Act of Congress passed in 1832) was at Ticonderoga with her husband during the whole seven months.

She declares that her husband enlisted in the spring of 1776 & returned after the snowfall, that after period [of] service she was married to s'd Jehiel Alvoord & moved with him to Northampton where she has ever since lived.

She further declares that after he marriage her husband was in the service as private twice, the day, month & years that he enlisted she cannot recollect but that he was in the service at Fishkill, Peekskill, Stillwater, Fort Ann & was at Bennington at the taking of Burgoyne, she does not recollect the period of service, the two last tours of service, nor can she tell positively the names of the commanding officers, she thinks Warner was the name of one of the Captains & Bascom was either one of the lieutenant or captains.

He was drafted once by Captain Wales & his family being sick he refused to go & paid his fine of (\$40) Forty Dollars and three months after he was drafted again & was obliged to go. She thinks he served under Capt Warner nine months at Stillwater. His last trip she thinks was to Bennington.

She believes Seth Hunt was lieutenant of his company during one period of service. She has no documentary evidence of her husband's service & the most which she recollects is what she heard her husband say in his lifetime.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jehiel Alvord on the ninth day of June A.D. One thousand seven hundred and seventy eight; that her husband the aforesaid Jehiel Alvord died on the (21st) twenty first day of October Eighteen hundred & twenty nine; and that she has ever since remained his widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first within written before. Straman Conkey Judge of Probate. (Signed with her mark) Dorothy Alvoord.

Pension Application for John Alvord

W.15532 (Widow: Rhoda)

B.L.Wt.32225-160-55

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of July 7th, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows, and also to the various acts & resolutions passed since for the relief of certain widows.

State of Vermont

District of Randolph SS.

On this 29th day of June AD 1852 personally appeared before the Probate Court within & for the District aforesaid in the County of Orange Rhoda Alvord a resident of Brookfield in the said District & County & State aged eighty-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows, as also under the various acts & resolutions passed for the same purpose since the act above stated.

That she is the widow of John Alvord, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and as she verily believes for a period of nearly a year & at the time of his service, her said husband resided in the town of South Hadley in the County of Hampshire all of which will appear by the certificate of said service as hereto attached made by the Secretary of State of Massachusetts.

She farther stated that she was married [to] the said John Alvord on the 6th day of August seventeen hundred eighty nine and that her said husband the said John Alvord died on the 29th day [of] January AD 1832 that my said husband never drew or applied for a pension in his lifetime as I verily declared. Rhoda Alvord

Philander Perrin Judge of Probate

Pension Application for Phineas Alvord

S.12911

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

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Madison now sitting said court being a court of record, Phineas Alvord a resident of Hamilton in said County of Madison & State of New York aged seventy two years in February last, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following circumstances & served as follows.

Firstly. That in the month of May 1776 then being a resident of Hampshire County in the State 6 mos of Massachusetts & of the town of Northampton in that County he enlisted at that place for six months in the company of Captain Josiah Smith, of which one Weeks was Lieutenant - rendezvoused at South Hadley & marched from thence through Brookfield & more into Boston or its vicinity—remained there a few days & then marched to Nantucket where deponent was on the day Independence was declared—July 1776.

That he served out his time at Nantucket & was discharged in November 1776. He does not remember the name of his Colonel but thinks he was under the command of General Lincoln, deponent & his corps arrived in Boston after the British had evacuated it in the spring of 1776.

Secondly. That in the month of May 1777 as he believes, thought he is not certain as to the month he enlisted at Northampton aforesaid for two months in the company of Captain Simeon Clapp. Lieut Spencer Philips, the company met at Northampton & marched to Bennington, Vermont & through New York Skeensboro & down Lake Champlain to Ticonderoga. Was among the troops on the retreat at this time the American Army evacuated Ticonderoga under the direction of General St. Clair heard the report of the guns in the fight at Hubbardstown in which Colonel Warners Regiment suffered severely—Marched back to Bennington & there discharged his time being out. Saw General St. Clair at that occasion.

Thirdly. That in the month of September 1777 he again enlisted for one month under Captain Oliver Lyman (at the same place as before) for a month—Ashel Pomeroy Lieut Seth Hunt, Ensign to go against Burgoyne [Burgoyne] & his army. Met at Northampton & went on to Bennington or [?] & remained there after the battle at that place, passing the battle ground—went from there to Stillwater [?] the [?] at Half Moon & served out his time at Stillwater—Lay near while the battle of Stillwater was going on. Lay about a quarter of a mile off. His Regiment not involved in the battle—served at his time & was discharged at Stillwater.

Fourthly. That at a later period of the war deponent again enlisted at Barnaston in the State of Massachusetts where he then resided for three months under Capt Oliver Shattuck, Lieut Roman Gove that the company met at Middy Brook where the Captain lived & which he believes to have been in the town of Converse? From there went to Albany—then to Stillwater & then to Saratoga where he served out his time.

That he enlisted in August or July the year of month he cannot state, but he had labored at haying that season before he enlisted.

That he saw General Schuyler examining authority? as such while he so seeing as last aforesaid.

That while so employed as aforesaid the troops were employed in spying & scouting to Moses Creek above Fort Miller in the vicinity of Fort Edward & up Lake George & on one occasion deponent went to assist in the buried of two or three privates & a Corporal, of an army & one of the British who had been killed in a skirmish between scouting parties.

That he saw a man handed at Saratoga, said to be executed as a spy & was one of the [?] on that occasion.

That he was discharged the latter part of October or first of November, cannot state the set time.

Deponent never had any written discharge, of far as he knows or believes it was not usual to give one in the militia service.

That he was born Feb 14, 1760 at Northampton (then) Hampshire County State of Massachusetts. Has no record of his birth & speaks from the information derived from his parents & the neighbors of the family.

That he was called into service as above stated & in the manner therein stated & then resided as there in stated. That since the Revolutionary war he resided in

Northampton & went [?] until about the year 1797 when he removed to Hamilton Madison County, New York where he has continued to reside & does still reside.

That he was called into service in the manner herein stated & served as herein after stated.

That he recollect at the time of his service at Barrington that General Stark was a distinguished office & declarant [?] him, but whether he was a Continental or Revolutionary Officers declarant does not know.

That he has as before stated the first [??]

That he never received a written discharge, never received a pension having always [??]

And further declarant saith he has no documentary proof further his application never made under written discharge or any commissions—he has [?] the affidavit of Charels Stewart hereto annexed sharing his service for some part of the above stated time & he knows of no other witnesses who can testify to his services.

He hopes to share by [?] by [?] Esquire of Hamilton Madison County & who is a resident in his neighborhood & also by Daniel Wadsworth of the same place that he has a good character for veracity, & that they believe in his statement 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) Phineas Alvord.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. A.S. Sloan, Clk

Pension Application for Burpee Ames

S.22084

State of New Hampshire

County of Hillsborough, SS

On this seventh day of January AD 1834, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Probate, now sitting [?] within and for the County of Hillsborough, in the State aforesaid, Burpee Ames of [Holles?] in said County.

Who being duly sworn according to law doth makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That is to say,

That soon after the Battle of Lexington, on the nineteenth day of April 1775 he went [?] Runley in Mas'sas, as a Volunteer in the Company of Capt Payson of Runley to Cambridge to assist against the Enemy and remained there for five days when he was discharged from service. But of this service he is unable to procure and evidence by Witnesses or by any records, and in the fall of the same year he again; went from Runley to Cape Anne to guard an American Vessel he does not recollect any of the officers under whom he volunteered, but he served on Guard seven days, with other men from Runley among whom were Jeremiah Hobson and Moses Smith, but all the

persons who served with him he believes are dead, and no record of this transaction can now be found.

In December AD 1776 he enlisted for three months in the company of Capt Benjamin Adams in Colo Titcombs Regt of Mass Militia, he marched from Pauley to Jamacia Plains in Roxbury where he served out his term of three months and was regularly dismissed from service.

In the month of July or August AD 1777 he again inlisted for four months in the Company of Capt. Stephen Jackson in Colo Johnsons Regt of ;Massa forces, he was marched to the State of New York and served at Saratoga. He was not ordered into the Battle at the Capture of Burgoyne, but saw the surrender of that army and having served out his term of four months was regularly discharged.

About the first of April AD 1778 he again entered the service for three months and inlisted in the company of Capt Silas Adams in Colo Titcombs Regt of Massa forces. He marched to Bristol in Rhodeisland where he served out his term of three months and was regularly discharged.

And in the fall of the same year he engaged to serve two months in Guarding Burgoyne's Army at [Marblehead?] in Charleston Mas'a he can not ascertain the names of any of his company or Regimental officers, but he well knows that he went from Rouly to [?] hill joined a company and served for the space of two months and that at David Person and Nathan Hardy were soldiers in the company and served with him at the same time.

He has lately caused search to be made for some Record evidence of his service but has not been able to find any nor has he been able to find after diligent inquiry at Rowley and in that vicinity and person who served with him or by whom he could ascertain the names of his officers, all persons who knew him in that service having dec'd.

He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, whatever, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Burpee Ames
Edmund Packer, Judge of Probate.

In the additional question, he states he was born in Bradford Mas'a on the third day of December AD 1758.

Pension Application for Eleazer Ames

W.16096 (Widow: Sarah) Eleazer Ames & Sarah Conry both of Hollis married January 22, 1789. Eleazer died February 1826.

I Eleazer Ames of Farmington, in the County of Kennebec, and District of Maine, in my Sixtieth year, a resident citizen of the United State desiring to obtain the provision made by the law of Congress entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war",

and to be placed on the pension list for the District of Maine, do on oath testify and declare:

That I was born in Groton in Massachusetts; that I April 1777 I enlisted as a private, at said Groton, for three years, into the three years service, in Capt Browns company in Col Jacksons regiment, in the Massachusetts line, on the Continental establishment, in the war of the revolution; that I faithfully served until the term of my enlistment expired which was in the year 1780 I received an honorable discharge, which is long since lost by time or accident; I presume it is not in existence.

I was at the taking of Burgoyne, the battle of Monmouth, and at Stony Point.

By reason of my reduced circumstances in life I am in need of assistance from my country for support. (Signed with his mark) Eleazer Ames April 22, 1818.

Signed before Josiah Stebbins, a Judge of the CCC P for said Circuit.

Pension Application for Elisha Ames

R.176 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married August 13, 1778. Elisha died September 27, 1845.

B.L.Wt.1293-100

State of Pennsylvania

Luzerne County SS.

On this twenty fourth day of April AD 1818 before me the subscriber, President Judge of the Eleventh Judicial district in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, personally appears Elisha Ames aged sixty year & six months resident in a [??] in the said County of Luzerne in the Sate aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War."

That he the said Elisha Ames enlisted in the Town of New Concord in the State of New York in the month of April 1777 in the company commanded by Captain Jeremiah Miller in the Regt of Col. Joseph Bose of the Massachusetts line (first Massachusetts Regiment) that he continued to serve in the said corps in the service of the United States, until the month of April 1783 when he was discharged from service on the North River near New Windsor State of New York.

That he was at the taking or Burgoyne that he was at the Battle of the Green Springs in [?] and was there wounded in the leg and was wounded in a skirmish with the British light horse near Philadel in the head & on the shoulder and was at the taking of Cornwallis that his discharge is lost.

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the Assistance of his country for support—and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Except the testimony of his brother Ephraim Ames here present. (Signed) Elisha Ames.

Sworn to, subscribed and declares, before me, the day and year aforesaid. Th. Burnside.

Pension Application for Ephraim Ames

W.9704 (Widow: Margaret) Married April 19, 1789. Ephraim died September 10, 1824.

B.L.Wt.2069-100

State of Pennsylvania

Luzerne County SS

On this twenty fourth day of April AD 1818 before me the subscriber, President Judge of the Eleventh Judicial district in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, personally appeared Ephraim Ames aged fifty eight years, resident in Wyalusing in the County of Bradford, in the State aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War."

That he the said Ephraim Ames enlisted in Cherry Valley in the State of New York in the fall of 1778 in the company commanded by Lieut Curtis in the regt of Col Alden of the Massachusetts line the said regt was afterwards commanded by Col. Brooks. That he continued to serve in the said corps in the service of the United States, until the month of April 1783, when he was discharged from service on the north river near New Windsor, state of New York that he was in the battles of Cherry valley with the Indians at the White Plains and in several skirmishes with the enemy and on Sullivans Expedition and that he received a discharge which was burnt in his house a number of years ago when his house was burnt in the Wyoming Valley.

And that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the *Assistance of his Country for Support*—and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services. Except the testimony of Eleisha Ames here present. (Signed with his mark) Ephraim Ames

Sworn to, subscribed with his mark and declared, before me, the day and year aforesaid. Th. Burnside

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 Militia 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 in 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 Militia 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 Militia 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.

Pension Application for Joshua Ames

S.45206

Greene County

State of New York SS

On this fifth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open court being a court of common pleas for the county aforesaid which proceeding according to the course of the common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of proceedings.

Joshua Ames aged sixty years, resident in the Town of Catskill, in the County and state aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:

I served in the second Massachusetts Regiment under the Command of Col. Ebenezer Sproatt, in the Company of Capt James Manes.

Original Declaration 27th April 1818.

Pension Certificate No 909—And I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled, “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War,” passed on the 18th day of march 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. (Signed with his mark) Joshua Ames

I have no property of any description whatever excepting my common wearing apparel.

I am a common labourer, and sometimes unable to work by reason of rheumatic pains, and have no family. (Signed with his mark) Joshua Ames

The Court estimates the value of the pensioners property contained in his inventory at Five Dollars, Catskill. Sept 5th 1820.

Pension Application for Jotham Ames

W.15819 (Widow: Keziah) September 16, 1767, Jothan Ames & Keziah Horyward were married.

B.L.Wt.1410-200

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Pensions

Washington, D.C.

December 20, 1893.

Sir:--

In response to your communication requesting information concerning the correct name of the widow of Jotham Ames, whose military and family history was furnished to you in 1891, and in which you state that “his first wife, Keziah, died before the Revolutionary war and the widow who survived him was named Sarah, to whom he was married sometime after the war and who died March 16, 1837”, I have to advise you that a careful examination of the papers in the case shows the following facts:

The application for this pension was made by Simeon C. Ames, a son of the soldier, and was for the amount alleged to have been due to Keziah Ames, the soldier’s widow, at the date of her death which occurred, as stated in the papers on file with the case, on March 16, 1837. The son, in his declaration for pension, dated at Middlefield,

N.Y. April 28, 1852, which, it will be noticed was 15 years after the death of the [?], says: "That he is the only surviving child of Jotham and Keziah Ames both now deceased; that his father and mother died at the town of Middlefield in said County; that his father, Jotham Ames, died at said town of Middlefield on the - - - day of May, 1812; that his mother, Keziah Ames, also died at the said town of Middlefield aforesaid the 16th day of March, 1837."

No mention is made in any of the papers of a second marriage by the soldier or of any person bearing the Christian name Sarah. There was no certificate from the town clerk at Bridgewater, Mass., where the marriage was stated to have occurred, nor any family or other record of marriage, furnished as evidence in the case. The most important document in the case bearing on the marriage of the soldier and the Christian name of the widow is a certificate from the Surrogate of Otsego County., N.Y., in which he states that "by the addition of testimony satisfactory to the said Court it was proved that Jotham Ames, late of the town of Middlefield, in said County, died in the month of May in the year 1812; that he left a widow whose name was Keziah Ames and that he left Simeon C. Ames his only child him surviving who is over the age of twenty-one years. That Keziah Ames the said widow died at the town of Middlefield, in said County, on the 16th day of March, 1837, leaving the said Simeon C. Ames her only child her surviving."

The amount due on the certificate to Keziah Ames as the widow of the soldier, allowed on the supposition that she did not die until the year 1837, was over \$1600, while the widow Sarah would have had no title to pension unless she had been married to the soldier prior to the year 1794, in which event she would have received only a small amount.

It is quite likely that this case was a fraud.

Pension Application for Prince Ames

W.23439 (Widow: Eunice) Prince died April 21, 1817

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Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, of the 7th July 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

State of Massachusetts

County of Essex SS.

On this thirty first day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the Honorable David Cummings one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Massachusetts, Eunice Ames, a resident of Andover in the County of Essex aforesaid in said State of Massachusetts, aged seventy years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An act of Congress granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Prince Ames who was a private soldier in the army of the Revolution in the Regiment commanded by Col. Francis and afterwards by Col.

Tupper, & in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Franham or (Farmen) that he enlisted in said Company on or about the twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy seven & according to the belief the said Eunice served in the army for & during the full term of three years next following.

That he resided in the Town of Andover in the County and State aforesaid when he entered the service and was a substitute for one Benjamin Ames of said Andover. That he marched from said Andover to Fort Edward—thence to Fort Ann, was in the army when they fell back from Ticonderoga, was in the army at the time Burgoyne was taken.

That according to said Eunices belief he was at Monmouth & with the army until the full expiration of the three years after he enlisted--& that she has no documentary evidence in support of the claim—but supposes that the rolls at Washington will show precisely the time of his continuance & service in the army.

She further declares that she was married to the said Prince Ames on the twenty fourth day of November in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty four—that her husband the aforesaid Prince Ames died on the twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventeen that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated & that she has not been married since.

(Signed) Eunice Ames

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written before David Commins.

Pension Application for Samuel Ames (or Buck)

S.16603

State of Maine

County of Oxford SS

On this 28 day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Probate now sitting Samuel Ames, a resident of Norway in the county of Oxford, and State of Maine, aged 73 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 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the service of the United States in January 1776, as a private soldier, for the term of one year, under the name of Samuel Buck, which was at that time his only proper name at his then residence in Haverhill in the State of Mass'tts, in the company commanded by Capt. Thomas Cogswell, in the regiment commanded by Col. Loammi Baldwin in Gen. William Heath brigade.

He marched to Trenton in the State of New Jersey—he was in Gen. Lee's division when he Gen Lee was taken at Morristown, New Jersey – in 1776 & carried to New York city—he was in the battle of Harlem in the same year, and was in the battle of Trenton Dec 26, 1776, and was verbally discharged at Trenton at the expiration of said term.

He again enlisted at said Haverhill in January 1777 as a musician under the name of Samuel Buck at that time his only proper name, for a term of three years—in the company commanded by Capt. Ames Cogswell, in the regiment commanded by Col. James Weston, in Gen. Learned's brigade and marched to West Point in New York—he was at the taking of Burgoine's army, which surrendered the 17th of October in the year 1777. He was discharged at West Point, at the expiration of said term by Col. Weston, which discharge has been lost many years; he has not seen it since he removed from Haverhill to Norway about fifty years since.

He further on oath declares, that when he was twenty one years of age he took and has ever since been known by the name of Samuel Ames.

He has no documentary evidence to prove his service of one year as aforesaid, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service of one year as aforesaid.

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.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Samuel Ames
Before, Stephen Emery, Judge.

Pension Application for Spafford Ames

S.11974

Ames, Spafford

His name appears on a list of claimants to be placed on the pension list returned by the District Court for the District of Massachusetts, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on April 25, 1794, and printed in the American State Papers, Class 9, page 110.

Rank: Private

Regt: Col Fry's

Disability: received two wounds, one in his thigh, the other in; his right hand.

When and where disabled: June 1775, Bunker's Hill.

Residence: Andover.

Monthly allowance: \$2.22

Arrears due: \$50

Remarks: There are no musters for the year 1775 in this office.

Declaration.

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of congress of the 7th of June, 1832 & 19 Feb 1833.

State of New Hampshire,

County of Merrimack SS

As a Court of Probate held at Concord in and for said County, 28th May 1833.

On this 28th day of May personally appeared before the Judge of the Court of Probate Spafford Ames—a resident of Pembroke the 28th day of May personally

appeared before the Judge of the Court of Probate Spafford Ames—a resident of Pembroke in the County of Merrimack and state of New-Hampshire, aged Eighty one 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1775 with Capt Benj Farnum, and served in the Colo James Frye's regiment of the Mass. Militia line, under the following named officers:

That he enlisted in Andover, Massachusetts, in May 1775 for eight months in the Regiment of Massachusetts Militia commanded by Col. James Frye in Capt Benjamin Farnums company and marched to Cambridge near Boston, where he remained until the Battle of Bunker Hill in which he was wounded & thereby rendered unfit for duty until October, when he joined his company and completed the eight months service and was dismissed, had no written discharge.

In the winter of 1776, he enlisted at Andover aforesaid for two months service the same Captain as above & marched to Prospect Hill near Boston and served there at least 1 ½ months, when he enlisted for one year under Capt. Coxalona & Lieut Olney, Colo Hitchcock in the Continental line marched to Providence, thence by ship to New York City, thence to Long Island where he remained until August, when the troops retreated from the City of New York, thence to White Plains & Peekskill where he was dismissed without any written discharge, having served the full term of one year.

That he again enlisted at Andover aforesaid in August 1777 for 3 months in the Massachusetts militia under Capt Johnson & Col Johnsons' Regt and marched to Bennington Vt., thence to Ticonderoga, thence to Stillwater was in the battle there, then persued Burgoynes army until his surrender, then he went as a guard to Albany, thence to Skeensborough and served other places in New York until the expiration of the 3 months & was dismissed, had no written discharge. He does not remember the name of the Place where he was discharged.

That his name is now on the Pension Roll of the New Hampshire Agency at the rate of eight dollars per month as an Invalid Pensioner & that this declaration is made in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision above mentioned with an amendment approved 19 Feb 1833. (Signed with his mark) Spafford Ames

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Witness Joseph C. West.
Horace Chase, Judge of Probate.

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 10th 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 12th 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 to 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 stated. 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.

Pension Application for Titus Ammidon or Amidon or Amadon

W.15534 (Widow: Sabra)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Hampden SS.

On this eighth day of Aug 1832 personally appeared in open court before Oliver B. Mossis Esqr, Judge of the Court of Probate now sitting at Springfield., Titus Amidon a resident of Wilbraham in the County of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, aged sixty nine 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 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States at Wilbraham the latter part of June or the first of July in the year 1780, and was muster'd by Col Woodbridge at South Hadley for six months service, was march'd to West Point by an officer of the Continental Army, and joined Capt Parks Company in Col. Marshalls Regiment of the line, the Majors name was Windsloe, Taylor was Adjutant, that the regiment march'd to Orangetown and other places, was present and in view of Maj Andre at the time he was hung at Tappan in the State of N. York in Oct 1780.

That in the month of November we returned to West Point and remained there until about the first of January 1781 when I was discharged, my discharge was signed by one Lieut and by Maj Winslow, the Col. was then absent at Boston and Capt. Parls was absent on account of being sick that he kept his discharge for some years but has since lost it, that Joseph Burnstead of Wilbraham in said County of Hampden enlisted

with me at the same time and place and went with me to West Point, said Burnstead was attached to the Light Infantry as a Drummer, and did not serve after that in the same company or regiment with him, said Joseph Burnsteads deposition is annexed to this declaration that he used formerly to write his name Ammidown and it may so stand on the rolls of the regular army.

That he enlisted in the early part of August 1781, under Lieut Lewis Langdon in a company of Sate troops commanded by Capt Abel King of Wilbraham, lMass for the term of three months, and march'd first from Springfield to Albany and from there to Saratoga where we were stationed in the old army barracks and served about three months when we were dismissed and returned home, Abijah Newell of Wilbraham in said County and State served with me during the said term of three months said Abijah Newell's deposition is annex'd to this declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Titus Ammidon

Pension Application for Isaac Amos

S.32651

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On this second day of September AD 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the Southern Circuit, personally appeared Isaac Amos of Sandwich aged fifty nine years, resident in the said Circuit, who being by me first duly cautioned according to law, on his oath make the following declaration, by him signed, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," viz.

That he enlisted into said war as a private soldier in the year 1779 for nine months in Capt Joseph Wadsworth; company and Col. Bradfords Regiment and Massachusetts line and was discharged at Westpoint in the State of New York in the spring of 1780, but his discharge was burnt in his father's home when the same was consumed by fire.

That he was also a marine on board the ship Warren twelve months, Capt. Hopkins commander, and was blockaded the whole time in Providence River, and had the yellow fever while there and was very sick—that her served just nine months he thinks from July 1779 to April 1780 during his first service aforesaid as a soldier & that he is poor and from his reduced circumstances needs the assistance of his country for support.

Declared on oath & sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

And I, the said Judge, do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction, that the said Isaac Amos did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy, for the term of nine months, on the continental establishment; and I now transit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me, to the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the direction

of the aforementioned act of Congress, and that he is poor & needs the assistance of his country for support. (Signed) Nahum Mitchell

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.

Pension Application for Isaac Amsden

S.41412

State of Vermont
County of Windham SS.

Brattleboro within said county, April 10th Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighteen—

Be it Remembered that on the day of the date of these presents—came personally before me Gilbert Denison one of the Assistant Judges of said Windham County Court Isaac Amsden of Brattleboro in said county and made the following declaration under oath by me administered to him in pursuance of the act of the Congress of the United States entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed March 1818—

And it appearing to me the said Judge to my satisfaction that the said Isaac Amsden served in the Revolutionary War agreeably to the provisions of said act I do hereby certify and transmit to the Honorable the Secretary of the department of war the following Testimony in the case—and proceedings had thereon under my official signature and the seal of said county court. Gilbert Denison, Asst Judge of the County Court.

I Isaac Amsden of Brattleboro in the county of Windham and State of Vermont do testify and say—That I served in the War of the Revolution for more than the term of nine months as a private soldier on the Continental establishment—That is to declare and say—that I enlisted the last of April 1775 as a private soldier in Capt Granger’s Company, Col. Larnards Rigement [Regiment] & according to my best recollection Gen. Reeds Brigade. That I joined the army at Roxbury Massachusetts on a term of eight months but before the expiration of my first term I enlisted into the years service under Capt Haynes Col Whitcombs Reg and after the evacuation of Boston in 1776 I left that place & went to Ticonderoga and was honorably discharged about the last of December 1776—

And I do further testify, declare and say, that from my reduced circumstances I need the assistance of my country for support. (Signed) Isaac Amsden

Sworn to on the day of the date first above entered before me. Gilbert Denison, Asst Judge of the County Court

Pension Application for Isaac Amsden

S.11972
District of New York
Ontario County SS

On this seventeenth day of February 1829, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said County Isaac Amsden aged seventy four years and residing in the Town of Seneca and County of Ontario who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and 1st of May 1830, that he the said Isaac Amsden enlisted for the term of nine months in the month of April 1775 at Conway in the State of Massachusetts in the Company

Commanded by Captain Robert Oliver in Col. Doolittles regiment in the Massachusetts line on the Continental Establishment. That he continued to serve in said corps until January 1776, when he was discharged at Boston in said State of Massachusetts that during said enlistment he was in the battle of Bunker Hill. That he afterwards served several shorter enlistments during which he was engaged in the capture of Burgoyne and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service except the affidavit of Ebenezer Crittenden and Selah Beldin.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed as follows to wit.

Schedule of property owned by Isaac Amsden

40 Acres of land, (30 Improved), worth about \$800.00
1 Horse worth say 50.00
3 cows worth say 30.00
20 Sheep worth say 10.00
6 Pigs and shoats 9.00
1 small Waggon and old Harness 20.00
1 pair Oxen 35.00
1 old plough drag Teeth, Hoes, Rakes &c. 10.00
1 spare bed and bedding 15.00
Chairs, tables, crockery, kitchen utensils &c &c 14.00

\$1010

I am indebted to R. M. Bayley \$20.00
Abraham A. Post 140.00
Doctor Hurbbart 26.50
Thomas G. Amsden 34.00
Widow Eleanor Amsden 64.00
Ralph Gregory 11.25
Moses Hall 2. T. Densmore 6.50 8.50
James Bogert 8.00
Doctor Woodworth 2.50
William Berry 8. W. Griffin 2 10.00
Blacksmith and Shoemaker 15.00
Whitney Hutchinson and Prat 8.00
Thos Tallman 6.00 Thos Dinsmore 6.50 12.50 due by I.A.

I am seventy four years old a farmer by occupation unable to labour but very little have a wife named Diadema aged 52 years have three children residing with me & dependant for their support viz. Clarissa aged 14 years, William 12 years and Jane 10 years there has been no change in my property since March 1818. (Signed) Isaac Amsden

Sworn in open court this 17th day of February 1829. Samuel Rawson, a Judge of the Ontario County Court.

Letter in folder dated October 2, 1924.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.11972 it appears that Isaac Amsden was born January 10, 1755.

While a resident of Conway, Massachusetts he enlisted in April 1775, served as a private in Captain Robert Oliver's Company, Colonel Doolittle's Massachusetts Regiment, was at the battle of Bunker Hill and was discharged in January 1776.

He enlisted in July 1776 and served five months as a Sergeant in Captain Jonathan Childs' Company, Colonel Woodbridge's Massachusetts Regiment.

He enlisted in August 1777, served as a private in Captain Phillips' Company, Colonel Wells' Massachusetts Regiment for one month, and in the following September he enlisted again and served one month as a private in Captain French's Company, in said Colonel Wells' Regiment and was at the capture of Burgoyne.

In 1795 he moved from said Conway to Seneca, Ontario County, New York, where he was allowed pension on his application executed August 28, 1832.

In 1829 he referred to his wife Diadema aged fifty-two years, and to his children Clarisa aged fourteen years, William aged twelve years and Jane aged ten years.

Pension Application for Simeon Amsden

W.5617 (Widow: Abigail) Married May 1st 1787. Simeon died August 18, 1832.

State of New York

Ontario County SS

On this [blank] day of [blank] 1832 personally appeared before the [blank] of the [blank] Simeon Amaden a resident of Phelps in the County of o and State of New York aged sixty nine 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 he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1780 with Captain Blanchard and served in Col. Millans Regiment of the Massachusetts line under the following named officers.

In the month of May 1780, he enlisted a private in Capt. Blanchard's Company in Col. Millans Regiment in the Brigade commanded by Genl Larned, in the Massachusetts line and served six month—he resided at this time in Conway County of Hampshire State of Massachusetts—from which place he marched first to Springfield state aforesaid from thence to West Point in the State of New York where he joined the main army, remained a short time, and went on fatigue to Stoney Point where he assisted in moving across the river. Genl Washington army, he then

marched with the army to the State of New Jersey where he remained with them until about the middle of October in the same year, when he became unfit for duty on account of ill health and was sent back to west Point where he remained a short time and was ordered from West Point to Fishkill where he remained until his term of service expired, was verbally discharged and returned home.

That in the month of October 1779 he volunteered in the company commanded by Captain Rice in Col. White's Regiment (does not recollect the Brigade) of Massachusetts Militia he enlisted for three months and served but one, l& lived at this time in Conway Hampshire County Massachusetts from which place he marched for the purpose of going to Claverack in the State of New York, marched as far as Great Barrington in the state of Massachusetts where they received counter orders and marched to Albany remained at Albany until the expiration of one month was verbally discharged and returned home.

That he was born in the town of Norwalk (now Wilton) in the State of Connecticut that he resided, when he entered the service, in Conway State of Massachusetts that he resided in Massachusetts after the war until the year 1788 when he emigrated to the State of New York where he has since resided.

That he has no documentary evidence of service but is well acquainted with Isaac Amsden and Oliver Fletcher, who knew him when in the service of the Revolution and will certify to the same.

He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

The above Declaration was made by the deceased, a few days before his death for the purpose of executing the same before the court, but the deceased, died before the court went into session as will be seen by the certificate of Isaac Amsden, a Brother of the deceased, and Oliver Fletcher below.

Pension Application for Abner Amsdill or Amsdell

S.45210

State of New York

Niagara County SS.

On the 2d day of May 1818 before me Samuel Wilkenson one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Niagara personally appeared Abner Amsdill aged fifty nine years to me know who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war."

That he the said Abner enlisted in the month of April 1777 into Capt Daniel Shays company in the fifth regiment of the Massachusetts line of continental troops commanded by Col Rufus Putnam that the term of his enlistment was for three years,

the place in the State of Massachusetts that he continued to serve in said regiment the full term of three years as a soldier until the first day of April 1780 when he was honorably discharged from the service by Lieut Co. Ezra Newhall at Soldiers [?] on the highlands in the State of New York, that he afterwards enlisted into Capt [Servalls?] Company in the 2d regiment of the Massachusetts line commanded by Col Sprout where I served as a soldier until the end of the war and was honorably discharged there from at West Point in the state of New York.

That he was in the battle at Bemus' heights & in several skirmishes, during the war in one of which he was wounded by a bayonet in his body.

That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support that the discharge he received for the first three years service is herewith forwarded and that the other discharge is lost, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service. That he is a citizen of the United States and resides in Hamburg in the State of New York. (Signed) Abner Amsdill

Sworn and declared to before me the day and year aforesaid. Saml Wilkeson, Judge Niagara Com Pleas.

Letter in folder dated December 15, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.45210, that Abner Amsdill (pensioned as Amsdell) enlisted in Greenwich, Massachusetts in April 1777 and served in Captain Daniel Shay's Company, Colonel Rufus Putnam's Fifth Massachusetts Regiment, was in the battle of Bemis Heights, and was discharged April 1, 1780, from the Fifth Massachusetts Regiment. He afterwards enlisted and served in Captain Sewall's Company Colonel Sprout's Massachusetts Regiment, and served until close of the war. He stated that he was in several skirmishes, one of which he was wounded by a bayonet in his body.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 2, 1818, at which time he was living in Hamburg, New York, and was aged fifty-nine years.

In 1820, he stated that his wife, Susannah, was aged seventy-two Years. In 1861, his son Abner stated that the soldier died in Hamburg, New York the last of July or first of August 1846. There are no further data as to family.

Pension Application for David Anderson

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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That he heretofore made application under the act of March 18, 1818 and obtained a pension certificate No. 4932 of which the following is a copy viz. "War Department, Revolutionary Claim. I certify that in conformity with the law of the United States of the 18th of March 1818 David Anderson late a private in the Army of the Revolution is inscribed on the Pension List, Roll of the Massachusetts Agency, at the rate of eight dollars per month to commence on the 21st day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen."

"Given at the War Office of the United States this 18th day of December one thousand and eight hundred and eighteen."

J. C. Calhoun Secretary of War." That he was dropped from the pension roll being struck from the pension roll being struck therefrom under the operation [operation] of the law of May 8, 1820.

He further states under oath as aforesaid that he served as a private in Major Hull's company, commanded by Lieut Pierce in Col Micah Jackson's Regiment. His place of residence has been in said Shelburn ever since he was then years old.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state except as above mentioned.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) David Anderson
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Pension Application for John Anderson

S.45212

State of New York SS

On this 14th day of August 1818 before me the Subscriber, Recorder of Albany and Judge of the [?] County [?] a court of Record of the said State Personally appears John Anderson aged seventy five years, resident in the almshouse of the City of Albany in the said State, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War.”

That he the said John Anderson on the 7th day of June 1776 captured by the Americans off Boston harbor together with four companies of British troops, contained in three vessels, that he continued prisoner of war until the month of April 1778 when he enlisted for three years into Captain Cooper’s Company in Col Bradford’s Regiment which was then the 14th Regiment of the Mass’etts line. That after being thus enlisted and before he joined the army to perform duty he did abscond from the said Regiment & Comp., and went to the British Camp and went to the British Camp and received from them the arrearage of pay which was then his due.

That he then deserted from them and again returned to the American Army and joined the same Company and Regiment into which he at first had enlisted himself at or about the 13th of August 1778. That he was afterward transferred into Captain Bates’ Company of the same Regiment to wit the 14th Regt &c, where he continued until the month of January 1781. At or about which time a new arrangement took place in the Mass’cts line and this deponent together with the Company to which he belonged was placed under the Command of Col. John Brooks, about the same time

this deponent enlisted for During the War and continued to serve as a private soldier in the said Company & Regiment until the ninth day of June 1783 when he was discharged honorably by his Excellency George Washington [?], Commander in Chief, at Snake Hill near Newburgh in the State of New York, and further while in the service as aforesaid of the United States he was in following Battles to wit: Germantown, Brandywine, at Stoney Point, Monmouth, and at Yorktown when Lt Cornwallis surrendered.

That he was also with General Sullivan on his Western expedition against the Indians.

And further that ever since the Revolutionary War he has been a resident Citizen of the State of New York. That on account of his advanced age and infirmity eh is unable to support himself and is now supported at the public expence at the Almshouse in the City of Albany. And further saith not. (Signed) John Anderson

Sworn before me this 14th day of August 1818. Philip Parker Recorder of Albany

Pension Application for Robert Anderson

S.30824

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832.

State of Maine

Kennebec County SS

On this sixteenth day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Hon. Nathan Weston, Jun'r a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, of said State Robert Anderson a resident of Lewiston in the County of Lincoln and State of Main, aged seventy six 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 provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year [blank] with Captain John Worthley and served in Col. Fogg's regiment of the Massachusetts line or troops under the following named officers: Worthley Captain, Fogg Colonel. That in November 1777 he enlisted in that company and regiment as a sergeant for the term of four months. That his period he served out, and was verbally discharged as a surgeon at Peekskill in April 1778. That in June 1778 he again enlisted as a Sergeant for the term of eight months, in Capt Tyler's company, and Col. Thomas Poor's regiment of the Massachusetts troops. That this period he served out, and was wholly discharged at West Point in March 1779. That in June 1779 he again enlisted as a Sergeant for the term of four months in Capt John Gray's company and Col. Mitchell's regiment of the Massachusetts troops. That this period he served out and was discharged verbally in October 1779, at what is now Portland.

And to the interrogatories propounded under the instructions of the War Department, he answers:

That he was born at North Yarmouth, Maine, in 1756, where his age is recorded, and where his home was during his revolutionary services. That in 1791 he removed to Lewiston, Maine, where he now lives. That he never took any written discharge. That at the various periods before stated, eh enlisted, was not drafted or received as a substitute. That in his first term, he served at Peekskill, at Danbury, at Kingsbridge, and at White Plains. That at the second period he served at West Point, where General McDougall commanded. That at his last term, he was in the expedition against Baggaduce, where General Lovell commanded the land forces, and Salterson the fleet and where Genl Peleg Wardsworth commanded the brigade.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State. (Signed) Robert Anderson.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before Nathan Weston Junr. Just S. J. C.

Letter in file dated March 26, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

ROBERT ANDERSON—S.30824

Robert Anderson was born in the year 1756, in North Yarmouth, Massachusetts (later Maine), and resided there at the time of the Revolutionary War; the day of his birth and names of the parents are not given.

He enlisted in November, 1777, and served four months as Sergeant in Captain John Worthley's company, Colonel Fogg's Massachusetts regiment; he enlisted about June 1778, and served eight months as sergeant, Captain in Tyler's company, Colonel Thomas Poor's Massachusetts regiment; he enlisted in June 1779, served as sergeant in captain John gray's company, Colonel Mitchell's Massachusetts regiment on the Bagardace Expedition, was in an engagement there, and was discharged at the expiration of service of four months.

The soldier moved in the year 1791 to Lewiston, Lincoln County, Massachusetts.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 16, 1832 at which time he resided in Lewiston, Lincoln County, Maine.

There is no reference to wife or children in the papers in this pension claim.

Pension Application for Thomas Anderson

W.1352 (Widow: Eunice) Married October 26, 1834, he died April 6, 1837.

B.L.Wt. 3981-160-55

State of New York

Madison; County SS

On this eighth day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court, before James B. Eldridge—William K. Fuller, Sylvanus Sebor, Elisha Rondork & Barent Baknell, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Madison in the State

of New York, now sitting, Thomas Anderson a resident of the town of Eaton in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy years on the thirtieth first day of January last past, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein; stated. He was drafted into the service of the United States, during the Revolutionary War in the town of Shelburne in the State of Massachusetts, in the month of July in the year 1779 & joined the troops at Springfield Massachusetts on the twelfth day of July in the year 1779 as near as he can recollect—was marched directly to West Point in the State of New York under the command of Captain Cooper. At West Point I joined the company commanded by one Captain Burnham in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Michael Jackson, & in the Brigade commanded by General Larned—one John Brooks was Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment & one Hull was Major. Remained at West Point on duty until the month of January in the year 1780 when about three hundred of us, were detached from the main body of the Troops & sent to the lines at or near White Plains under the command of Col. Thompson.

The company in which I was in the expedition, was commanded by one Captain Farley—near White Plains we were attacked by about eight hundred of the British—out of one hundred & fifty officers & soldiers who were attacked all were taken or killed except twenty nine—I together with my Cousin David Anderson, who was with me & who is now living at Shelburne aforesaid, & some others escaped by fleeing to a swamp closeby. We lost all of our baggage. Immediately after this attack, we returned to West Point & remained there on duty until the 12th day of April 1780 when I was discharged by Col Michael Jackson. My discharge is lost.

While at West Point I worked on Fort Arnold & Fort Putnam. I was in the service nine months, besides the time spent in returning to Shelburne after my discharge.

I was born in the town of Colvain in the State of Massachusetts on the thirty first day of January in the year 1762. I have no record of my age. I lived in the town of Sheburne in the State of Massachusetts when I was called into the service. Since the Revolutionary War I have lived in the town of Eaton—County of Madison & State of New York except I lived about ten years in Bridport [Bridgeport?] on Lake Champlain—The said town of Eaton in my present place of residence.

I was drafted into the service as I had before stated. I was discharged by Col. Michael Jackson & the discharge is lost. I have no documentary evidence of my service, but my cousin, David Anderson, now living at Shelburne & who was with me in the service, can testify to the same.

In the neighborhood in which I now live I am known to Constant Avery, Barent Baknell, Ezra Cloyer, Ward W. White, who can testify to my character for veracity & to their belief of my service 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) Thomas Anderson

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first aforesaid. A. S. Sloan Clk

Pension Application for William Anderson

S.23518

Personally appeared before me, Wm Mills a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas & for the County of Erie William Anderson, who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned and in the following grades.

For not less than than [sic] Twelve months as a private under the command of Capt Hugh McLelland not less than Five Months under the command of Capt John Olliver—and not less than Fourth Month under the Command of Capt Abraham Pannel deponent thinks the Commanding General was Genl John Sullivan and under the command of Col David Wells and Capt John Wells not less than six weeks at the Surrender of General Burgoyne the Commanding Genl was Genl Gates and deponent further states that he served not less than two months at Fort Ticonderoga, in consequence of a loss of Recollection deponent cannot at this time distinctly recollect who his officers were but thinks Genl Schuyler was there—all the above services were rendered as a private and for such service deponent has no documentary evidence [?] Claim a pension. Sworn & subscribed [?] day of December 1832 before me.

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