

Pension Application for Timothy Arnold

W.15549 (Widow: Anna) Married January 27, 1780. Timothy died March 7, 1835.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Berkshire, SS.

On this twenty seventh day of Sept 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. Wm. Walker Judge of the court of Probate now sitting at Lenox within & fore s'd County, Timothy Arnold a resident of West Stockbridge in the county of Berkshire and Commonwealth aforesaid, 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 act of congress, passed June 7th, 1832:--

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. To wit:

He enlisted in the Connecticut State troops as he supposes sometime in the month of June, ash he thinks in the year 1776, at East Haddam (then) in Hartford County in the State of Connecticut for the term of six months, in the company commanded by Capt Eliphalet Holmes, in Col. Selden's Regiment in Genl Wadsworth[']s Brigade—

One Datimer was Lt Col & one Cleft was Major of said Regiment. Proceeds from East Haddum thro Long Island Sound & landed at New York, remained in New York untill we were ordered on to Long Island under Genl Putnam (I think in August) to cover the retreat of the American Army after the battle of Flatbush—then returned to New York.

In September he retreated with the American Army from New York & the British Army took possession—returned to Fort Washington—the next day was engaged in a battle with the British about a mile from New York, in which Colonel Knowlton of the Rangers was killed—the British were driven back – from Fort Washington marched to White Plains where we remained three or four weeks & then marched to Peekskill & there remained until he was discharged.—

He received no written Discharge. At the time of said enlistment he resided in East Haddam, where he was born.

In June 1777 (having removed to Washington in the County of Berkshire & Commonwealth of Massachusetts) he joined the Massachusetts Militia as a volunteer in the Company Commanded by Captain Asa Stores in Col. Ashley's Regiment. Majors Stratton belonged to said Regiment. One Swan was Lieut in said Company—Marched from said Washington to Fort Edward in the State of New York – then to Fort Ann & retreated from said Fort Ann before the British Army to Kingsbury (between Ft. Ann & Ft Miller) where Genl Nickson or Nicholson joined us with his Brigade & there a Battle took place, maintained our ground untill night when we retreated to Ft Edward from thence Ft Miller & from thence to Saratoga where a general battle took place—the American Army was under the command of Genl Gates, where Genl Burgoyne surrendered.

While at Ft Miller he was transferred to Capt'n Francis Company in Col. Brown's Regiment—After the Battle at Saratoga remained about two weeks & then returned home, having been dismissed—rec'd no written discharges.—Served from the time he volunteered to the time of his Discharge as aforesaid about six months.—

When he first entered the Service at the time of his enlistment in 1776, he resided in said East Haddam in Connecticut—at the time he entered the service as a Volunteer in 1777, he resided in Washington in the County of Berkshire & State of Massachusetts.

Was born on the 8th day of August 1756 at said East Haddam.

Has no record of his age, but supposes that there is a record in the Town Clerk's Office in s'd East Haddam.

He removed from said East Haddam to said Washington in April 1777 & resided in said Washington until—that part of said Washington in which he lived was annexed to the town of Lenox. In 1816 removed into s'd Washington where he resided until 1825 & then removed to said West Stockbridge where he now lives.

He is known to Captain Jos. Hewins of said West Stockbridge & to the Rev. Samuel Shepard of said Lenox & Henry W. Bishop Esqr of said Lenox.

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) Timothy Arnold

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. L W. P. Walker J. Probate.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Berkshire SS

On this second day of July A.D. 1832 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Honorable William P. Walker, Judge of the Court of Probate now sitting at Lenox within & for the said County of Berkshire, Timothy Arnold, a resident of West Stockbridge in the County of Berkshire & Commonwealth of Massachusetts now aged seventy seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following additional Declaration in amendment of his former Declaration, made on the twenty seventh day of September A.D. 1832, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

In June 1777 (having removed to Washington in the County of Berkshire & Commonwealth of Massachusetts &c)

That on the first term of his enlistment he served as stated in his said former Declaration six months.

That at the second term, he enlisted the forepart of June 1777, but by reason of his old age & 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 six months making in both terms one year.—He served at both terms as a private soldier.

That he has not procured the evidence of a Clergyman as to his belief respecting his age & the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service, because he knows of none now living who can testify thereto.

He has not obtained the testimony of any living witness, because he knows of none who can testify to his services, or any part thereof. (Signed) Timothy Arnold
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. W. P. Walker, Judge of Probate.