

Pension Application for Percival Ashley

S.32660

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth SS.

On this 25th day of Feb 7 AD 1819 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the Southern Circuit, personally appeared Percival Ashley of Freetown aged 78 years, resident in the said Circuit, who being by me first duly cautioned according to law, on his oath made 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."

I Percival Ashley of Freetown in the County of Bristol was a private soldier in the war of the revolution, and enlisted in the spring of 1777 into the first three years service in Capt Amasa Soper's company and Col. Marshall's 'Regiment in the Massachusetts line & Continental establishment, and continued to serve in the northern army till Sept 1778, when I rec'd a furlough for two months (my family being sick) and my captain was at home with me on a furlough and my family continuing sick, I procured one Jethro Taber to take my place, whom my captain accepted in my stead, and I did not return again.

I was at the taking of Burgoyne and his army, and continued to serve from the aforesaid time of my enlistment until September 1778 which was about 17 months.

I am poor & reduced in my circumstances & stand in need of the assistance of my country for support. (Signed) Percival Ashley.

Letter in folder dated January 13, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.32660, it appears that Percival Ashley enlisted in the spring of 1777 and was a private in Captain Amasa Soper's Company, Colonel Marshall's Massachusetts Regiment, was at the capture of Burgoyne and served until in September 1778.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 25, 1819, while a resident of Freetown, Massachusetts, aged seventy-eight years.

In 1820, soldier was living in Rochester, Massachusetts and referred to his wife, aged seventy-six years, but did not state her name. There is no further data on file as to his family.

The above noted Percival Ashley is the only soldier by that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.