

Pension Application for Matthew Atherton

W.5207 (Widow: Jemima) Married November 6, 1795. Matthew died February 2, 1845.
B.L.Wt.3703-160-55

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

State of Vermont

Hartfield District SS.

On this 24th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable District Court within and for the District of Hartford, now sitting, Matthew Atherton a resident of Royatton in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, aged 71 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:

In the year 1776 in April he volunteered as private at Bolton Massachusetts for the term of three months in the Militia company commanded by Capt. Dewey of Shrewsbury and Lt James Osborn of Bolton both of Mass, and were marched to Roxbury in said state. He remained at s'd Roxbury untill the three months expired when he was discharged and sent home.

In the year 1779 in June or July he enlisted in the Continental Army at Bolton for the term [term] of one year. He does not remember under what officer he enlisted but was ordered to repair to Springfield Mass where he met [met] other soldiers and officers the names of whom being old and forgetfull cannot now remember but he was he thinks in Col. Woods Regiment from Genl Larnards brigade but commanded by Genl. Patterson and was called the left of the army, we joined company at Kings Ferry in the State of New York. I cannot recollect the company officers. In the company was Abel Sawyer and Stephen Cooledge, we marched from said ferry to the great Plains so call'd in New Jersey and their [there] we stayed at West Point untill discahrg'd which was in June or July 1780. Their was a battle at Stoney Point soon after we arrived at the Palins. I was about fourteen miles from it.

In the year 1780 soon after I arrived home from the years service above stated. I again enlisted at Bolton Mass as private for the term [term] of six month in the continental service in the company was Lt or Ensign Jenkins and orderly Sargent Linsey in Col. Michal Jackson's Regiment and in said Regiment their was Ensign Benja. Pierce, we joined company at the Church nigh Kings Ferry in the State of New York. Their [They] marched to Orange Town nigh Dobses then to the Great Plains in New Jersey. Then to Tapan, [Tappan] then to West Point and ended our Enlistment. During this campaign Maj. Andrew was hung which I saw.

I was born in Bolton in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts in Oct 1761 and I lived their at the commencement of the Revolution and through the war and since that I lived at Lancaster Mass two years and afterwards at Lyme N. H. and I have lived in Royalton Vermont whier [where] I now live about five years.

I know of no evidence but this accompanying this declaration to substantiate my service. I have no discharge and if I ever had it lost, nor documentary evidence.

The record of my age I suppose is in the Town Clerks office in Colton Mass. Asahel C. Washburn & Oel Billings can testify as to my character for truth & veracity and of the belief in the neighbourhood of my service.

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

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. L.A. Marsh, Register