

Pension Application for Isaac Atwood

W.20636 (Widow: Elizabeth)

State of Vermont

Rutland County SS.

On this 19th day of July A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Probate Court of Rutland now sitting, Isaac Atwood a resident of the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, aged 72 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 1778 he lived in Thompson, Con't [Connecticut] where he enlisted the latter part of March or first part of April into Capt Mannings Company, Col. Sherbornes Regt or Sherman's Regt (Does not recollect which), Genl Huntingtons [Huntington's] Brigade, he enlisted at Woodstock in Connecticut, remained at Woodstock about two weeks, & proceeded immediately to Valley Forge in Penn & there joined the army, he remained at Valley Forge till the latter part of June (about 6 or 7 weeks) & from thence proceeded to Monmouth, where he was in a severe engagement with the enemy, he then proceeded to the White Plains through New Jersey & New York & remained at White Plains & in the vicinity till the fall of the year when he proceeded to Danbury in Conn't & from thence to the adjoining town of Reading, where he received his discharge in the latter part of December 1778, which he has lost.

That he again enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1779 in the latter part of June or fore part of July for the term of nine months, into Capt Readings Company & Col Bradford's regt, he enlisted in the town of Warwick Massachusetts, which town was called upon to furnish troops to supply vacancies—he proceeded to Springfield the rendezvous, & marched from there to West Point, where he was placed on a commissarys [commissaries] guard & remained in that situation untill the last of March or first of April 1780, when he received his discharge which he has lost.

That he again enlisted in the army of the United States for six months in the year 1780 in said Warwick the first of June proceeded to Springfield, Mass., the place of rendezvous & from thence marched to West Point, & was placed in Capt Rands company, Col Nixon's Regt & Gen Nixons Brigade—he remained at West Point a short time, & spent the season principally in New Jersey, was out in no battles of importance, & returned to West Point in the fall of 1780 & was discharged the first of December 1780 which he has lost. [He means his discharge]

In May 1781 he joined the army as a volunteer in Col. Schammel's Regt, Capts Bates Company—Lt Col Huntington, Maj Rice, Lt Bignal—he remained at or about Ft Washington, Kings bridge &c & was engaged in a severe battle at Valentine's hill near Kings Bridge where he was wounded by a Musket shot in the thigh & remained in the vicinity of this place, till the latter part of August when he proceeded thro' N. Jersey & Pennsylvania, to Yorktown in Virginia took water at the [pond of Elk?] & was there during the whole battle of Yorktown & capture of Cornwallis (Col. Scammel was killed)

& marched homewards and left the army in Decr 1781—having been out at this seven months.

He knew Genl Washington, Lafayette, Lee, Arnold, Knox, Putnam, Gates & many others, he has no documentary evidence except the accompanying deposition.

He was born at Plimptown (now Conn) in Mass, 24th March 17870, he is known to the Rev. Mr. Ingraham of Brandon & Seth Keeler Esqr & to most of the people of Brandon. Since the revolutionary war he lived in Massachusetts until about 25 years ago, when he removed to Brandon Vermont where he has ever since lived.

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. (Signed) Isaac Atwood

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. R.C. Royce

Letter in folder dated December 30, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, W.20636, based upon the military service of Isaac Atwood.

This soldier was born March 24, 1760, at Plympton (which was later Carver) in Massachusetts. The names of his parents were not given.

While Living in Thompson or Killingly, Connecticut, he enlisted in March or April, 1778, as private in Captain William Manning's Company in Colonel Sherman's Connecticut Regiment, joined the army at Valley Forge, was in the battle of Monmouth and was discharged in December, 1778. While a resident of Warwick, Massachusetts, he enlisted in June or July, 1779, and served until March or April, 1780, as private in captain Redding's Company in Colonel Bradford's Massachusetts Regiment. He enlisted in June, 1780, and served until December 1, 1780, as private in Captain Rouse's Company in Colonel Nixon's Massachusetts Regiment. He enlisted in May, 1781, and served until December, 1781, as private in captain Joseph Bates' Company in Colonel Scammell's Massachusetts Regiment; he was in a battle at Valentine's Hill where he received a musket ball wound in the thigh and he also was at the siege of Yorktown.'

He lived in Massachusetts until about 1807 when he moved to Brandon, Vermont.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 19, 1832, at which time he was living in Brandon, Vermont

Isaac Atwood died March 14, 1847, at Leicester, Addison County, Vermont, having lived there for four years prior to his death.

He married April 19, 1785, at Winchester, New Hampshire, Elizabeth Dodge of Winchester.

She was allowed pension on her application executed April 25, 1848, at which time she was eighty-seven years of age and was living at Leicester, Vermont.

In 1848 their son, Larnard Atwood, was living in Leicester, Vermont.

The papers in this claim contain no further data relative to the soldier's family.