

Pension Application for Philip Atwood

S.15360

Declaration, In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832.
State of New Hampshire
County of Cheshire SS.

On this sixteenth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Hon. Aaron Matson Judge of Probate for said County of Cheshire, now sitting, Phillip Atwood a resident of Nelson in the county of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire aged seventy six last Jan'y, 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.

1st In the year 1776, he volunteered in Sept'r for two months at Templeton Mass, and served in Captain Boyntons Company in Col. Dannis Regiment—marched to Hartford, New Haven, Horse Neck & White Plains, to Tarrytown in New York State—were guarding a british [British] vessel of war that lay in the river—was at Daubs [Dobbs] ferry – remained in the neighbourhood of Tarry town untill a day or two before my term expired and then marched to White Plains and was dismissed there at the end of said term.

2nd In the year 1777 on or about the first of May enlisted for two months in Capt Henry's Company—in Col Whitneys Regiment—marched through Worcester—joined the company at Rutland—from Worcester to Providence—remained at Providence about half the term—then marched to a place called Boston neck—in the State of Rhode Island—remained there till his term expired—worked on a fort at Providence—at the Neck kept guard at the landing of the British—was dismissed there.

3rd In the year 1778 enlisted last of June or 7th of July to fill up vancy [vacancy] in the Continental army—for eight months—at Templeton—went for said tour—passed muster at FishKill—when he arrived there was put into the Quarter Master Generals department—Coll Hays he thinks was the Quarter Master Genl—was employed in teaming from the barracks to Fishkill landing—and in various duty—the last part of the time went to a place called little nine partners—to press hay to carry down to the army.—Never did any company duty—and is not able to say in whose company I was enrolled on Regiment—received a discharge—thinks ti was signed by Col Hays—Kept it some years—but has lost it—was discharged at the nine partners about [?] of March 1779.

4th In 1780 – volunteered –enlisted for three months in Capt Stearns company in Col Rands Regiment—marched to Claverack & down the river through Poughkeepsie, Fishkill and West Point.—from there went up the River chopping wood was there when Arnold escaped—then called to FishKill to take the guard—while those mentioned there were marched to West Point—They returned from West Point and he was sent up again chopping wood—was dismissed there thinks the place where he was chopping was called the Great Nine Partners—at the end of the three months, thinks about the first of October.

Sends all the proof that he has been able to obtain or now knows of—

Was born in Woburn Mass—in the year 1756—

Has a record at home among his family records & supposes there is one at Woburn.—was living at said Templeton when called into all the services.—has lived at said Nelson ever since the war—and now lives there—was a volunteer in all his services.—

Genl Lincoln seemed to have the command of the forces when I was at Tarrytown in my first service—Genl Spenser at Rhode Island in his second service—recollects some Pennsylvania Troops at Fishkill in his s'd service—recollects a Maj'r Hale in the Quarter Master department.—In his last service don't recollect particularly as to offering—not with any considerable body of troops—Never rec'd any written discharge except for the 8 mos.

Josiah Robbins Esq & [?] Abel Kittridge live in my neighbourhood & can testify as to my veracity and their belief of my services.

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 the Agency of any State. (Signed) Philip Atwood.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Aaron Matson Judge of Probate.

Letter in folder dated August 3, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.15360, it appears that Philip Atwood was born in January 1756 at Woburn, Massachusetts.

While residing at Templeton, Massachusetts, he enlisted in September 1776 and served two months as a private in captain Boynton's Company, Colonel Davies' Massachusetts Regiment.

He enlisted in June or July 1778 and served eight months in the Quartermaster General department under Colonel Hay.

He enlisted July 1, 1780 and served three months as private in Captain Stearn's Company, Colonel Rand's Massachusetts Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 16, 1832, while a resident of Nelson, Cheshire County, New Hampshire.

It is stated that his father (name not given) lived at Templeton, Massachusetts, at the time of the Revolution.

It is not stated whether soldier was married.