

Pension Application for Isaac Austin

S.28976

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.
State of Massachusetts: County of Essex SS.

On this twenty fifth day of September A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable Daniel Appleton White, Judge of the Court of Probate for the County of Essex aforesaid, not sitting, Isaac Austin a resident of Methuen in the State of Essex and State of Massachusetts, aged 77 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 his first engagement under Col. Wigglesworth (the names of the other field officers he does not recollect, Capt Eliphalet Bodwell of Methuen, Lieut Goodrich of Amesbury and Ensign Hall of Methuen, that he entered the service as a volunteer for five months in July A.D. 1776 and marched directly to Ticonderoga where he remained until he had completed his engagement viz five months, and was regularly discharged in December following, that he resided in Methuen aforesaid when he entered the service aforesaid; that he has no written discharge and knows of no documentary evidence by which he can prove said service.

The he again entered the service of the U.S. under a second engagement in the fall of the year 1777, (he does not recollect the month) as a volunteer for two months under Capt David Whittier of said Methuen and Lieut John Huse of said Methuen (does not recollect the names of the field officers); that he marched directly and joined the army of Genl Gates, where he remained until after the surrender of Burgoyne [Burgoyne] when he was attached to the detachment which guarded the British army to Cambridge, Mass, where he was regularly discharged after completing his term of engagement viz, two months. That he has no written discharge and knows of no documentary evidence by which he can prove said service; that he resided in said Methuen when he entered the service at this time, and declares that he served the United States under the aforesaid engagements for the full term of seven months.

And he further says that he was born in said Methuen April 5th 1754, and his birth is there recorded, and that he has always resided there.

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 Austin.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. D. White, Judge of Probate.