

Pension Application for Phinehas Austin

S.19527

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex SS

On this first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight personally appeared in open court before the Honorable judge of the Court of Probate in & for said County of Middlesex now sitting Phinehas Austins a resident of Townsend in the County aforesaid aged eighty three 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 7th AD 1832.

That he is now in his eighty fourth year. That he went into the service of the United States in the year 1776 & served five months in the neighborhood of Lake Champlain under Captain Job Shattuck of Groton in Colo Read's Regiment.

He again entered the service at a subsequent period, but exactly when he cannot recollect but he enlisted for three years, which time had not expired when the war closed, but how long he served, his memory will not enable him to tell—

He feels sure he was not discharged until after two summers campaigns. He remembers going to New York & to Philadelphia & passing thro Hartford & that – he was last at Springfield, where he was on guard, when he was discharged.

He recollects the occasion of said Regiment going to Philadelphia, was on attack on Congress by some mentions soldiers—when two were taken [?] to be shot—His name [?] is so far gone, that he can recall very few of the particulay [particularly] of his service.

He does not recollect the names of any officers under whom he served but he believes, he was in the army as much as three years altogether—

He not only passed thro Hartford as stated above, but was stationed there for a time.

He does not recollect having a written discharge. (Signed with his mark) Phineas Austin

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year first above written before. S.P.P. Fay,
Judge of Probate