

Pension Application for William Austin

S.28977

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, now sitting, William Austin, a resident of Dracutt, in the County of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, aged 80 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:

First, under Lieut Abel Kimball of Bradford, Mass, was drafted and entered the service about the last of September 1775, marched to Gloucester Mass and was there dismissed after serving about one week; has no written discharge and knows of no documentary evidence by which he can prove said service, that he resided at Bradford aforesaid at this time.

Second, under Col. Abbot of Andover and Capt Jonathan Foster of Boxford, (the names of the other officers he does not recollect). That he entered the service at [the] time as a volunteer in the Massachusetts militia for two months in December A.D. 1775 marched directly to Roxbury near Boston where he was stationed until his term of engagement expired and he was regularly discharged in February following;

That eh resided in Bradford aforesaid when he entered at this time and never had a written discharge and knows of no documentary evidence by which he can prove said service.

Third, under Col Wigglesworth, Capt Eliphalet Bodwell of Methuen, Lieut Goodlick of Amesbury and Ensign Hall of, that he entered the service at this time, did not have a written discharge and knows of no documentary evidence by which [he] can prove said service.

Fourth, under Col. Johnson of Andover, Capt Joseph Eaton of Haverhill land Lieut Plummer of [Bradford?]. That he entered as a volunteer in the Mass. Militia for four months on the last of July or 1st of August 1777 and marched to Pawlet Vermont where he was attached to the party under Col Brown and marched through the woods to Lake George's landing, where they had a skirmish [skirmish] and took some prisoners, afterwards made an unsuccessful attack upon Dimand's Island, and joined the main body of Genl Gates' army at Stillwater the day before the battle at that place, in which he was engaged:

After the surrender of Burgoyne he marched to White Plains where he was regularly discharged the last of November or fist of December 1777.

After serving his full term of engagement, viz, four months, that he resided in Bradford aforesaid where he entered the service at this time, did not have a written discharge and knows of no documentary evidence by which he can prove said service;

and he declares that he served the United States in all of aforesaid, Eleven months and one week.

And he further declares, that he was born at Methuen aforesaid May 5th 1752, that his birth is there recorded, that he resided there for the greater part of the time until within [a] few years when he removed within the limits of Dracutt, that he resides very near the line of Methuen, that most of his friends and acquaintances reside in said Methuen where he is more known than at Dracutt.

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) William Austin

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