

Pension Application for Reuben Babcock

W.14254 (Widow: Hannah) Married November 1779, Reuben died 19 January 1844.

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Declaration, in order to secure the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Worcester, SS.

On this sixth day of September in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court, before Hon. Nathaniel Paine, Judge of Probate for said County now sitting Reuben Babcock a resident of Northborough in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged Seventy Seven 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 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In November 1774 he enlisted as a minute man. In April 19, 1775 he marched as a volunteer from said Northborough to Cambridge (Mass) & continued in the service at Cambridge until sometime in July same year & then marched to Dorchester where he continued in said service until February 1, 1776. When he was discharged by verbal orders from the Maj Gen. Artemus Ward having continued in the service nine months and eleven days under the following officers. Co. Jonathan Ward, Lt Col. Edward Barnes, Maj. Timothy Bigelow, Adj James Hurt, Capt Samuel Ward, 1 Lt Timothy Bigham, 2 Lt Thomas Seaver.

About the middle of September 1776 he enlisted as a volunteer and marched from said Northborough to Fairfield (Con) where he was stationed about one week: thence to Terry Town about 30 miles from New York City where he remained in the service until the middle of November same year.

He was then discharged by verbal order having continued in the service two months, which was the term of enlistment under the following officers. Col Denny, Lt Col Tyler, Maj David Clapp, Capt David Sherman, 1 Lt Seth Morse, 2 Lt Amos Rice.

On the fifteenth of January 1776 he went to Dorchester (Mass) and joined a company there stationed in the said service—as a substitute for his brother Jonas Babcock whose term of enlistment would not expire until the first of March following. The said Jonas returned home the said Reuben was received in his place upon enlisting for the remaining six weeks & continued in the service during said term—when he was discharged by verbal orders—having served six weeks under the following officers—Col. Nicholas Dyke, Lt Col Haskell, Adj Brown, Capt Moses Harrington, 1 Lt Onthank, 2 Lt Thomas Knowlton, Ensign Isaac Barnes.

During this term the said Reuben was a corporal in said company. The applicant was born in that part of Westborough now called North?. Nov. 22, 1754.

He lived in Northborough when called into service; has lived there since the revolutionary war and now lives there.

He went into the service as a volunteer; and during the last term he did not serve with any of the regular officers. The general circumstances of his service he has stated

above. He was in the Battle at Bunker Hill on 17 June 1775, but was in no other engagement.

He never received any written discharge.

In answer to the seven question put by the court he will give the following names, Silas Bailey, Nathan Rice, Benjamin Munloe.

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) Reuben Babcock

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before Nath. Paine, Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester.