

Pension Application for Silas Bacon

S.28981

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Norfolk, SS.

On this twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable John McMillan of the court of Common Pleas now sitting at Dedham in and for said County, Silas Bacon a resident of Dover, in said County, aged seventy 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 A.D. 1832.

That he was born at Dedham in that part which is now Dover, on the eleventh day of September A.D. 1758, and that there is a record of his birth on the blank leaf of his father's bible; that he was in the United States service from the first day of August A.D. 1777, to the first day of December A.D. 1777 as a private in the infantry in the Mass line; that he was residing at [Natick?] when he entered the service; that he was drafted for four months and served for the period aforesaid under the command of Joseph Winch of Framingham, Captain Joshua Fish, Lieutenant, Col. Samuel Bullard; that he marched from Framingham to Bennington and Manchester, Vermont, thence to Lake George, thence to Drummond Island, thence to Saratoga; that he served with Gen Gates Army of the regular troops; and Genl Gates & Col Whiting regular officers were known to him; that he was in the battle at Lake George landing and at the end of his service received a discharge verbally at White Plains; that he left the service on or about 1st December 1777 and that since the Revolutionary War he has resided in that part of Dedham when it was called Dover.

Also; that he was in the United States from about the first day of January A.D. 1778, to the first day of April A.D. 1778 as a private, in the Infantry of Mass Line when he entered the service; that he enlisted for three months and served for the period aforesaid under the command of Capt Saml Burbank, Lieut Joshua Lebard; that he marched from Natick to Rhode Island to the town of North Kingston where he was stationed with a the guard; that he served with none of the regular troops; and no regular officers were known to him; that he was in no battle, that at the end of his service he received a discharge verbally and left the service on or about the first of April 1778.

Also that he was in the United States service from about the first day of August A.D. 1778 to about the first day of November A.D. 1778 as a private in the Infantry of Mass line that he was residing at Dedham when he entered the service; that he enlisted for three months and served for the period aforesaid under the command of Capt Ebenezer Everett, Samuel Doggett, Lieut; that he marched from Dedham to [Sarinton?] to Portsmouth on Rhode Island thence to the lines near Newport; that he served with none of the regular troops; and no regular officers were known to him; that he was in Butts hill battle that at the end of his service he received a discharge verbally the service on or about the first of November 1778 but not finding documentary evidence he computes the time of service at two or three months.

Also that he was in the United States Service from the last of July or first of August A.D. 1780 & about the last of October 1780 as aforesaid in the Infantry of Mass line, that he was residing at Dedham when he entered the service, that he enlisted for the term of three months & served the period aforesaid under the command of Capt Moses Bullard, Enoch Kingsbury being Lieut, Col. Ebenezer Thayer that he marched from Dedham through [? To ?] in the State of Rhode Island thence over Slades Ferry to Rhode Island stationed part of the time near Newport [?] the remainder thereof at Portsmouth at a place called [Brittston?] & was then dismissed on the 30 or 31st day of October 1780.

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) Silas Bacon

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first aforesaid. James Ware Clerk for the Court of Common Pleas.