

Pension Application for John Badger

W.15568 (Widow: Mary)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex County SS

On this thirtieth day of June in the year eighteen hundred & forty, Personally appeared in open Court before the subscriber, Judge of the Probate Court for Middlesex County in said Commonwealth. John Badger a resident of Natick in Middlesex County and Commonwealth aforesaid, aged seventy eight years who being first sworn according to law; doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he the aforesaid John badger performed two tours of duty as a private soldier in the army of the Revolutionary War, viz. First for Three months & two weeks & upwards, service at Cambridge to Guard the British Prisoners, in the year 1778 in Captain Hastings Company, which tour of three months he faithfully served out.

Then a further tour of Three months at Rhode Island in the year 1780 in Col Hows [Howe's] Regt of Militia, and in the Company of Captain Walter McFarlins; which tour of three months service he faithfully performed, and was stationed at Tiverton, Swansey & Providence in said state with several of his neighbours, amongst whom were William Clark (a pensioner) of Sherburn, Henry Smith of Natick & Elijah Stratton of said Natick, but now, or lately of Hancock in the State of Maine. That said Elijah Stratton performed with the declarant, both of the above mentioned tours of duty first at Fort No 2 near Boston in Captain Hastings Company to Guard Burgoynes Troops; second in the alarm at Rhode Island under Captain Walter McFarland, as before stated.

That some five or six years since said Elijah Stratton came from the State of Maine in search of testimony in aid of this claim to a pension & this declarant gave his affidavit for that purpose, but at the time he did not believe any person could draw a pension who served for a less period than six months at one time, and this has been his impression until lately, and is the reasons of his not presenting his claim at an earlier period. (Signed) John Badger

Subscribed & sworn to in open court by said John Badger, the day & year first above written. L. P. P. Fay