

Pension Application for Oliver Bagg

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Hampden SS.

On this twenty seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judge of the court of Probate for said County now sitting Oliver Bagg a resident of West Springfield in the County of Hampden aforesaid & state of Massachusetts aged seventy eight years, last January, 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 & served as herein after stated viz.

That in the month of April 1775 he was ordered out as one of the minute men belonging to the militia of the town to go to Roxbury. This was soon after the news of the Lexington battle. That shortly after he arrived at Roxbury, he enlisted for the term of eight months, & remained in & near Roxbury during the whole period for which he enlisted, in the performance of such duties as were assigned him by his commanding officers.

That after the expiration of his term of service he was discharged & returned home in January 1776. Enoch Chapin was the Captain & Samuel Flower & Luke Day the Lieutenant of the company to which I belonged—Timothy Davidson was the Colonel, William Shepard, Lieut Colonel & David Leonard, Major of the Regiment—Generals Ward, Thomas & Heath were the principal officers there, during that time. Simeon Smith of this town & George Blake, then of this town, but now of Springfield were in the same company with me.

The said Oliver Bagg further declares, that he was born in the town of West Springfield on the 27th day of January 1754. That there is a record of his birth on the town record of Springfield, of which West Springfield town was listed a part, at the period of his birth, & that he copied it with the record of the birth of the other members of his father's family, after his marriage & has recoded it in his own family Bible—that he has always lived in the town of West Springfield & that he entered into the service in all the cases contained in this declaration by voluntary enlistment.

The said Oliver Bagg further declares that in the fall of the year 1776 she thinks it was early in that month, there was a call for some of the militia of the town to go to the Northward & that he turned out with many others & went to Skeenesboro where we were sent up the lake by water toward Ticonderoga to Mount Independence—that he there entered the service in the place I stood of Joel Dry Jr., then of this town but since deceased, who was sick & unable to do duty, & who was then discharged & he received in his place that he & the company to which he belonged was then ordered to Ticonderoga but remained there only a short time, when they were then sent down Lake George & marched to Fort Edward, where they took boats & went to Albany & from thence they went down the North river towards New York.

That on the fourth of Jan'y 1777 he was at Morristown in New Jersey & for ten days after that was marched to different places in that state viz, at Springfield, Connecticut service, Newark, Elisabeth town, Westfield, Woodbridge, Rakeway. On the 15th January he was discharged & set out for home, where he arrived on the 22d of the same month.

That he does not know of any person who is living & who was with him in any part of this tour of service. When he left home, He went in company with Benjamin Ely, a major of the Militia & Benjamin Ashley, who was a Lieutenant & Nathaniel Ely & Joel Day privates but the names of the other privates have escaped his recollection, & he does not believe that any person of his acquaintance were with him after he took the place of Jose Day Jr. and he would not now be able to recollect the names of the places through which he marched in New Jersey nor the precise time of his getting home & except from having found in his desk, some scraps of a journal which he kept at that time & which; furnish him with the data . Nor part of his journal preceding the fourth of July can be found.

The said Oliver Bagg further declares that in the month of August or early in September he again enlisted for the term of three months & marched to the Northward under John Morgan, Captain, Asa Miller, Lieutenant, and Tibbats Ensign or 2d Lieutenant—[?] that when they arrived at the Northward they were attached to the Regiment under the command of Col. Ruggles Woodbridge. That for several days before the surrender of Burgoyne, we were near his army & exchanged shots, in some instances with some portion of his troops—

That he was present at the Surrender of Burgoyne's army, that soon after the surrender of Burgoyne, the troops were ordered back to Albany—from thence we marched down the North river to within a few miles of New York & on the last day of November he was discharged & set out for home, where he arrived on the fourth of December. That he never received a written discharge & has no documentary evidence relating to his services. The time of his discharge & return home appear from a leaf of the journal which he kept at that time—but the greater part of it is not in being.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

That he is well known to Heman Day, Saml Lathrop, Justin Ely, Caleb Rice & Elias Winchell Esquires, who can testify to his character for veracity & to their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. (Signed) Oliver Bagg

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.