

Pension Application for Jonathan Bancroft

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Pepperrell, Middlesex Co., Ms, Dec 26, 1832

To the Hon. Lewis Cass

Secretary of War &c.

Hon. Sir,

I, the undersigned, of Pepperrell in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in order to avail myself of the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 AD 1832 entitled an Act supplementary to an Act for the relief of the surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution, herewith transmit my pension Certificate No. 10191 at eight dollars per month, and request that my name may be placed on the list, and certificate granted at ten dollars per month, according to the provision of said Act.

And I hereby declare, that, I served in the war of the Revolution as a sergeant first in the Company commanded by Capt Sylvanus Smith in the 15th Massachusetts Regiment, and afterwards in the company commanded by Capt. Joshua Benson, in the 5th Massachusetts Regiment; all which will more fully appear by my original declaration on file in the Office of the Secretary of War. (Signed) Jonathan Bancroft.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Middlesex, Court of Common Pleas.

June Term 1823.

On this twelfth day of June A.D. 1823, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, holden within and for said county, proceeding according to the course of the Common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of its proceedings, Jonathan Bancroft resident in said county aged 62 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, 1st May 1820 and 1st March 1823, that he the said Jonathan Bancroft enlisted during the war in the spring of the year 1777 in the State of Massachusetts in the company commanded by Capt Sylvanus Smith in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Timothy Bigelow in the line of the State of Massachusetts, on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in; that and other Corps until the close of the war when he was discharged from said service in the State of New York—that his name has been placed on the pension list, and dropt therefrom on account of his property – And in pursuance of the act of May 1st 1820.

I, Jonathan Bancroft do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818; & that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts

due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. So help me God. (Signed) Jona. Bancroft.

Schedule of Property, necessary clothing & bedding excepted.

1 Case Drawers 5.00 2 Looking Glasses 3.00 8.00
1 doz Chairs 6.00 2 Tables 4.00 Small do. 1.00 11.00
Old Desk 5.00 old wooden Clock 3.00 8.00
6 Kitchen Chairs 2.00 Pine table ; .30 2.30
2 pair Handirons 2.50 1 pr Shovel & Tongs 1.50 4.00
Pewter ware 2.00 Iron Kettle 1.50 3.50
Pot 1.00 Kettle .50 Teakettle .50 knives & Forks .50 2.50
Crokerty & Earthen ware 3.00 3 old Ploughs 5.00 8.00
4 Chairs 4.00 2 old; Hoes .20 [Carb?] 5.00 9.20
2 Bars 2.00 1 Cow 18.00 1 Swine 4.00 24.00
6 Sheep and Lambs 7.50 Brass Kettle 1.50 2 pails .30 9.30
Grindstone 1.00 2 Axes 1.00 old Sleight 1.50 3.50
Dung Fork .40 Pitchforkls .20 Gun 1.00 1.60
Iron Rake .12 Beetle & wedges .75 .87

\$95.77

Jona. Bancroft

And the said Jonathan Bancroft further on oath declares that a portion of the real estate mentioned in his former schedule had been before the exhibition thereof conveyed to one Thomas Bancroft, to whom he was indebted as stated in his former declaration and that he had taken a bond of the said Thomas for a re-conveyance on payment of his said debt, hoping that it might be sold for a greater sum, but it has not been in his power to effect a more favourable sale, and the bond being now of no force, the little to that part of his real estate has become absolute in said Thomas, that the following changes have also taken place in his property since the exhibition of his first schedule.

Remainder of real estate sold to
Thomas Bancroft -May 28, 1821 for \$80.00
Old House Thomas Bancroft 1822 20.0
Young Horse Isaac Turner 1820 70.00
Oxen Thomas Bancroft 1822 45.00
Steers Thomas Bancroft 1822 35.00
4 Cows Thomas Bancroft 1823 60.00
3 Young Cattle Thoams Bancroft 1823 30.00
6 Sheep John Adams Junr 1823, 7 Bushels Rye.

That all the remainder of his property contained in his first schedule & omitted in the above being articles of constant use or consumption has been either worn out or consumed in his family; but that proceeds of the sales above mentioned, except the 7 bushels of rye, which were consumed by his family have been applied to the payment of his debts, mentioned in his first schedule and other debts with interest therein and in some instances costs of suit, viz.

To Shepley & Stevens, debt & costs 268.79.

Walter Hastings 18.00

Asa Tarbell 14.08

Jonathan Green 20.98

Robert P. Woods 34.29

Amos Bancroft 150.00

John Walton 49.10

Abel Adams (Taxes) 23.33

Joseph E. Wheeler (taxes) 29.19

Lemuel Parker 15.00

Luther Tarbell 149.28

Alpheus Richardson 20.54

Caleb Butler 6.00

And the remainder of said proceeds have been expended in supporting his family.

And the said Jonathan Bancroft further on his oath declares that he is a husbandman by occupation, but by ill health and infirmities of age is wholly unable to labour – that his family consists of the following persons to wit his wife Bathsheba aged 13 years, Betsey aged 11 years, Nancy aged 4 years, Betsey aged 11 years, Nancy aged 4 years and his son Jonathan aged 17 years. (Signed) Jona. Bancroft.

Sworn to & declares on the 12th day of June 1823, before the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Middlesex. Atts. A. Bigelow Clk. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Middlesex.