

Pension Application for Jonathan Bancroft

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State of New Hampshire

Coos County SS.

On this first day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before me Benjamin Hunting Judge of the Court of Probate for the county of Coos and now sitting Jonathan Bancroft now a resident of Columbia in the County of Coos & State of New Hampshire aged seventy nine years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I Jonathan Bancroft hereby declare that I entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the Massachusetts Militia on the first of March 1776 under the command of Capt Samuel Taylor marched from Conway in the banks of Hampshire and state of Massachusetts through Deerfield, Sunderland &c., to Roxbury in s'd state from thence to Dorchester Heights & from thence to Castle Island now Fort Independence, to assist in completing the fortifications and continued in the vicinity of Boston untill [untill] the last of Dec 1776 some time on guard & some time at work on the fortifications.

At the commencement of winter the company to which I belonged was called together and dismiss[ed] by Capt Taylor and returned to their respective homes on the last of December 1776 being ten months this service—10 months.

2. Entered as a volunteer in the militia of Mass and marched the last of May in the year 1777 under Capt Childs and Lieut Oliver from Conway state & county a'fsaid, through Bennington, Shaftsbury, &c in the State of Vermont to Ticonderoga continued in that vicinity some time, were then ordered under Capt Philip and Lieut Whitney to Bemus Heights from Bemus heights we retreated before Burgoyne to Stillwater remained at Stillwater some time & were there dismissed by Capt Philips together with some other troops at that place on the last of Sept of the same year making in this said tour of service four months..

3d Marched with a detachment under Lieut Joseph Pierce from Windsor in the County of Berkshire State of Massachusetts through Pittsfield, Stockbridge & Great Barrington to New Haven, Connecticut, being the time which the British Burnt Danbury kill'd Gen Worcester &c being at this time in the service three months - three—3 months.

Johnathan Bancroft who has under the [?] Declaration and in the neighborhood which he now resides and has resided for about [?] years, and that from particular engaging in the neighborhood, I find the following particulars to be true; he is reputed in the neighborhood to be a revolutionary soldier; his character for veracity is good, no one disputes it. I would further state, that the said Johnathan Bancroft is a Deacon of the church at which I was pastor, which is composed of people residing in several adjacent towns. (Signed) Ebenezer S. Bradford.