

Pension Application for Andrew Bannister

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Declaration, in order to secure the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Worcester, SS.

On this fourteenth day of August in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court, before me, Nathaniel Paine Esqr. Judge of the Court of Probate of Worcester [?] Andrew Bannister a resident of Brookfield in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged Seventy 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 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I was born at said Brookfield on the 30th day of May A.D. 1762.

There is a record of my age in the town records of said Brookfield.

I resided in said Brookfield at the time I was called into the service. I removed to Pelham now called Prescott in 1795 and resides there about nine years, after which I resided in Middleburgh New York seven years, commencing in 1804, then removed to said Brookfield where I have resided ever since.

On the first of July 1778 I volunteered to go to Rutland to guard the troops taken with Gen. Burgoine. It was in the June month in which some of the said troops were marched from Cambridge to said Rutland. I served at Rutland under Capt. {blank} Tucker. I have forgotten his Christian name. The Lieutenant was Adam Henry of Rutland. The clerk was Joseph Kimball of Brookfield. The Ensign was absent.

I never knew him. I went from Rutland to Enfield, Connecticut, with Burgoin's troops.

Sometime in the Autumn, I went with my company back to Rutland to guard military stores there & staid [stayed] there until the expiration of the six months which was the term for which I volunteered to serve, and was then dismissed. I received no written discharge. During the first month of said time I was stationed in said Brookfield to guard a quantity of powder.

In 1779 in October the West Parish of said Brookfield was required to furnish a number of men to go to Fort Stanwix & serve three months—I volunteered in this service in said October I marched to Albany, New York, passing through Springfield to Pittsfield. The receipt does [?] pertain at said Albany. I was dismissed at Albany with my company. The company in which I performed this service was commanded by the following officers viz, Capt Joseph Richardson of Brookfield & Lieut Matthew Brown of Brookfield.

My next service was at West Point. In July 1780, I enlisted a volunteer for three months. The company in which I was marched from Brookfield through Springfield to Claverack on the Hudson River; from thence to West Point. One Regiment was commanded by Col [blank] Rand of Westminster Mass'tts—Capt. [blank] Paige of Hardwick, commanded our company. During the time I was at West Point detachments

were made from our company from time to time to cut wood for winter quarters & other purposes till our company was reduced to the number of fifteen men.

Gen Arnold commanded at West Point when I arrived there. I was at West Point during the treason of Arnold & when Maj. Andrew was executed at Orange town. Gen. Washington arrived at West Point while I was there. I was dismissed at West Point, about ten days before the expiration of the three months for which I enlisted—I received no written discharge at the end of any of the said terms of service.

During all the above terms of service, I did duty as a fifer in the several companies to which I belonged.

I never received any written discharge.

Jonas Gilbert, Deacon, John Ross, Joel Gilbert, Benjamin Barrett, all of said Brookfield and Lemual Harrington of Hardwick in said County of Worcester are acquainted with me, and can testify as to my veracity and their belief his service in the War of the Revolution.

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) Andrew Bannister

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before Nath^l Paine, Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester.