

Pension Application for Obadiah Bardwell

S.15736

State of Massachusetts

County of Berkshire SS.

On this tenth day of October AD 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. William P. Walker Judge of the Court of Probate for s'd County of Berkshire Obadiah Bardwell a resident in the town of Williamstown County of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts aged seventy five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That AD 1777 on the fifth day of September and served untill the first day of May 1778. I then lived in the town of Belchertown in State of Massachusetts. Our Captains name was Smith of South Hadley in my State, our company was in Col. Marshall's Regiment. That he joined the army at Bemis Heights in the State of New York—was there at the time of Burgoynes capture. We were soon after marched to Valley Forge below Philadelphia and remained there until discharged.

That in the year 1776 about one year before Ticonderoga was given up by our army. He served in the militia of Massachusetts as a volunteer three months at Ticonderoga, Captain Munger commanded our company he was from Brimfield in this State.

At the time we were at Ticonderoga, the troops which had returned from Canada lay at Mount Independence. I lived in Belchertown when I volunteered.

That in the year 1780 I served three months as one of Militia from Massachusetts—served the whole term at West Point—was there at the time of Benedict Arnold's desertion—I can not now recollect the name of an officer in our company or Regiment. I lived in Belchertown at the time of entering into the service.

I was born in Belchertown aforesaid & have resided in Williamstown more than thirty years. That his recollection of the time of entering the service is not certain his memory is feeble, but he knows the length of time of his services; that he refers to the deposition of Willard Smith for proof of his services and the proof in the War Department upon a former application. That he refers to Rev. Ralph W. Gridley & Mr. [H?] as persons knowing him & who can testify as to his character for truth & veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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. (Signed) Obadiah Bardwell

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. W.P. Walker J. Probate