

Pension Application for Reuben Bardwell

S.29603

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Franklin County SS

On this twenty ninth day of August A.D. 1832 at a Probate Court, personally appeared in open Court, before the Hon. Richard E. Newcomb Judge of Probate of the s'd County in the Commonwealth, now sitting at greenfield within and for the said County of Franklin, Reuben Bardwell a resident of Sherburn in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid, aged seventy eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

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

I enlisted as a Soldier of the revolution in the month of December (the day I can not tell) A.D. 1775—for one year and served my time of enlistment out & returned home on the twenty fourth day of December A.D. 1776—

The officers of our Regt was Col. James Reed Lt Col Gilmore or Gilman.

The officers of our company were Capt. Ogdens who was promoted & Lt Tho. Grover, Ens. Maxfield.

I resided in Montague in the then County of Hampshire since the [?] at Franklin when I enlisted I was in the Massachusetts State Service, on the Continental Service. I do not know which. Our term of service commenced the first day of January A.D. 1776.

We went from s'd Montague in small parties & joined the Army at Winter Hill near Boston Ms. after the British left Boston our Regiment marched to New London Connecticut [Connecticut] where we embarked aboard a vessel and sailed to New York. from thence our Regt went up the North River to Albany N.Y. by water. Thence we marched to the head of Lake George & crossed over the lake to Ticonderoga, from there we crossed over Lake Champlain to St. Johns from thence to Montreal, thence we returned to Ticonderoga with Gen. Arnold who was retreating from Quebec. L We staid [stayed] at Ticonderoga a while & then returned down to Albany -- & from there down the River into New Jersey and Pennsylvania & then was dismissed & returned home. Genl Washington was the Commander in chief. Gen. Sullivan [Sullivan] was our Brigadier General when I enlisted. I recollect of seeing Gen. Arnold. When I was dismissed I had no written discharge being left behind to take care of the sick & no officer being present authorized to give me a written discharge.

I also again enlisted into the Massachusetts State Service sometime in the fore part of June. I was not till the day A.D. 1777—for two months and served that time.

The officers of our Regt were Col. Williams of Warwick MS. Lt Col don't recollect, Maj Lock. The officers of our company were Capt Stower and Lt Swetsen.

I resided at this time of my enlistment in Montague in the then County of Hampshire since the Co. of Franklin. We marched direct from s'd Montague through Williamstown MS to Waterford N.Y. thence to Moses Creek where we tarried awhile & returned to Stillwater & was dismissed there; & I returned home. Never had a written

discharge. On this tour of duty I recollect of seeing Gen. Poor, Gen. St. Clair, and Gen. Schuyler who had the general command I think. The enemy coming down, we returned from Moses Creek & crossed over the river near Fort Miller and there our rear guard had engagement with the Indians. Many of who were killed & taken prisoners.

I also again entered the service of my country as a soldier of the revolution in the Massachusetts State Service and as a volunteer. Sometime in August the day (I can not tell) A.D. 1777 for two months, and served that time. Colonel Wells of Shelburn MS was our colonel. Capt Stower & Lt John Adams were the officers of our company.

I resided in Montague aforesaid when I volunteered for this period of my service. We went from s'd Montague through Bennington VT., thence to Tull's Mills thence to Stillwater, thence to Tiff's Mills, thence to Fort Edward while we were there Genl Burgoyne with his army surrendered prisoners of war to the American Army; after which I with others returned home. Genl Gates had the command at this time. I have no documentary papers as evidence of my service. (Signed) Reuben Bardwell

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) Reuben Bardwell

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. R.E. Newcomb Judge of Probate.