

## **Pension Application for Elijah Bartlett**

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Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, 1832.  
State of Massachusetts  
County of Hampshire SS

On this eighth day of Augt 1832 personally appeared in open court, before The Court of Probate the court of Hampshire now sitting, Elijah Bartlett a resident of Northampton in the County of Hampshire, and State of Massachusetts, aged seventy four 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He entered the service in the year 175 the latter part of August or first of September under Olive Lyman Capt., one Lyman, Lieutenant but he does not recollect the names of other officers of the company & continued in said service till the 1<sup>st</sup> of March ending. He marched from Northampton to Belchertown the first day & thence through Leicester, Worcester on the old Bay road so called to Dorchester & was there stationed guarding the heights during said term of 6 months. He recollects standing sentry a number of times, at Genl Ward's quarters in Dorchester aforesaid.

He recollects the name of this officer because he had been previously acquainted with him at Northampton near where he had property in lead mines. He entered the service in this way with one of the selectmen of Northampton told his father that he must furnish a soldier & said Elijah offered to go being then very young but full grown as to size. He entered the service at s'd Northampton & thinks that his company was not attached to any regiment being stationed at the Heights.

He has no documentary evidence of this term of service & knows of no one whose testimony he can procure.

In 1776 in the spring soon after his return he enlisted in Northampton aforesaid for six months but served 7 months, being detained one month on the threatened invasion of Burgoyne. Joseph Lyman was Captain of the Company Elisha Bascom Lieut Benj. Reed, Ensign. Hew as in Col Woodbridge's Regiment, Lieut Col was Leonard. He marched through Chesterfield Williamstown Whitehall &c to Ticonderoga.

After reaching Ticonderoga the company was ordered back to Whitehall then called Kneseboro on account of the fear of small pox at Ticonderoga for a fortnight. The remainder of the time he was at Ticonderoga. Gen Gates commanded, Gen Arnold next in command. In August 1777 he went into the service as a volunteer in the company of Capt. Daniel Lyman & belonged to no Regiment. He marched to Bennington from said Northampton and reached home being absent in said service about one month.

The same year he was in the service aforesaid as a volunteer one month at the time of Burgoyne's capture in Capt Samuel Pomeroy's company as appears from the original roll of said company. He had the news about the time of the battle at Stillwater. He enlisted again in the spring of 1778 at Northampton under Capt Joseph Lyman

aforesaid (Lieut Birge, he thinks) & marched through Coventry Connecticut to New London. He was stationed a mile or thereabouts from the wharf of landing. Col Porter of Hadley was Colonel of the Regiment, but he thinks he did not called the regiment together. He continued in the service 4 or 5 months, as he thinks at that time. Said Elijah was born in the year 1758 March 5<sup>th</sup> in Northampton & has for the most part resided in Northampton since that time.

He has a record of his age copied form his father's bible.

He has never received a written discharge. He is known to most of the older inhabitants in Northampton & can refer to Deacon Luther Clark, & Rev Solomon Williams of whose church he is a member, for credentials as to character & belief of services. His Burgoyne service can be proved by the Captain's roll sent on to the department in Ladock Dank's application under the new act.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State, or (if any), only on that of the agency in the State of [blank]. (Signed) Elijah Bartlett.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Samuel Hinckley Judge of Probate