

Pension Application for Joseph Bartlett

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Letter in folder dated April 24, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

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Joseph Bartlett was born in Plymouth, Plymouth County, Massachusetts; the date of his birth and names of his parents are not shown.

He enlisted in May 1777, and served eight months as private in Captain Andrew Sampson's Massachusetts company, stationed at the garrison on the Gurnet at the entrance of Plymouth Harbor, this service rendered as substitute for his brother, William Bartlett; he enlisted in January 1778, and served five months as private in Captain Washburn's company, under Colonel Gerrish or Brooks. Early in July 1779, he entered as a sailer on board the armed brig "Defence", Captain John Edmunds, Commodore Salstenstall's fleet, was on the Penobscot Expedition, suffered great hardships, was one of eighteen pressed into service on the Commodore's ship "Warren", before it was burned, length of this sea service seventy-five days.

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 20, 1834, at which time he resided in Plymouth, Massachusetts; he was then seventy-five years of age, and stated that he had always lived in his native town.

In 1834, it was stated that Joseph Bartlett, the soldier, had been for many years one of the selectmen of Plymouth, had been a County magistrate, and a Member of the State Legislature.

The soldier died March 3, 1835. There is no reference to wife or children of Joseph Bartlett in this claim.

In 1834, Samuel Bartlett, of Plymouth, Massachusetts, stated that he went often to the Gurnet in Plymouth and saw Joseph Bartlett serving there during the war and that he (Joseph) was then a substitute for his (Samuel's) half-brother, William Bartlett. Zacheus Bartlett, also a resident of Plymouth, in 1834, was a Justice of the Peace for Plymouth, no relationship stated.