

Pension Application for Lot Bassett

W.20660 (Widow: Deborah) Married January 31, 1782. Lot died July 23, 1832.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Franklin County SS.

On this sixteenth day of October A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Charlemont Court of Probate and Commonwealth, now sitting at Charlemont within and for the said County of Franklin, Lot Bassett a resident of Ashfield in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid aged seventy seven 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 Jun e7, 1832.

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

I Lot Bassett of Ashfield in the County of Franklin and Commonwealth of Massachusetts was born in Yarmouth now Dennis in the County of Barnstable in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty five; the record of my age is in Dennis a copy of which is herewith annexed [annexed] I lived in Yarmouth aforesaid at the time of all the following inlistments, I have lived in Ashfield in the County of Franklin ever since the revolutionary war and I live in said Ashfield at the present time.

I inlisted into the service of the United States as a private, in the month of January in the year of our Lord 1776 in a company of State Troops for the term of one year, commanded by Captain Nye in a regiment commanded by Lieut Col Bassett for the purpose of guarding the Island of Nashaum in the Vineyard [south?] on to which Island I went and then did duty a few weeks and was then detached to Roxbury for two months and at Roxbury and Dorchester heights I did duty for about two months, and while there the British evacuated Boston; and then I returned with the said company to the said Island and I served them until some time in October of the same year during the term of nine months and then I procured a substitute to serve the year out for which I had inlisted the substitute name was Grimmell I was then dismissed had no written discharge, for proof of the above campaign in the affidavits of Nathaniel Bassett and Cornelius Bassett.

Again the fore part of the summer in the summer in the year 1777 I inlisted into the service of the United States for the Term of two months in the capacity of Corporal in a Company of Militia of Hole commanded by Capt Palmer in Col. Whitney's regiment and marched to Providence in Rhode Island where I did duty for one month and then marched to Gardmen Finny where I did duty during the remainder of said two months when I was dismissed at that place had no written discharge for proof of the above service see the affidavit of Nathaniel Bassett and Cornelius Barrett.

Again I inlisted into the service of the United States in the capacity of an Orderly Sergeant in; the fall of the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven into a Company of Militia commanded by Capt Elishi Hedge in Col. Nathaniel Freeman's regiment for one month in what was called the secret expedition and marched to the State of Rhode Island and I served during said month when I was dismissed had no written discharge. For proof of this see the affidavit of Joshua Vincent.

Again I inlisted into the service of the United States in a private in the month of December in the year 1777 for the term of three months into a company of Militia commanded by Capt Elisha Hedge in a part of a regiment commanded by Major Zenas Winslow and marched to Bristol in the State of Rhode Island and there was stationed and did duty during said three months when I was dismissed, I had no written discharge, for proof of this service see Obed Howes affidavit.

Again I inlisted, in the capacity of an Orderly Sergeant, into the service of the United States for the Term of three months I believe about the first of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight into a company of militia commanded by Captain Micah Hamlin in Col. Reed's regiment and marched to Cambridge to guard the prisoners taken with Burgoyne and I served in guarding said prisoner during said three months and was then dismissed. I had no written discharge for the proof of the service see Joshua Vincent Affidavit.

Again I inlisted into the service of the United States I think in the latter part of July in the year of our Lord 1778 as an Orderly Sergeant into a company of militia commanded by Capt Mathias Toby and the best of my recollection in Col Reeds regiment for the term of four months and marched to Cambridge for the purpose of guarding the prisoners taken with Burgoyne and others guarding them some time at Cambridge, they were ordered to the south and I with some others were detached as a guard to conduct them on the route, and we marched through Worcester and Brookfield to Enfield in Connecticut where we were relieved by other troops and returned to Cambridge and did duty there a few days and I served in this campaign more than three months as an [?] and the object of my inlistement being accomplished I had permission of my officers to return home.

I had no written discharge and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to this my lost service and I served in the whole of the foregoing campaign twenty one months and a half.

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) Lot Bassett

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