

### **Pension Application for Aaron Bates**

S.29601

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 or Hampshire SS

On this eighth day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Hon. Samuel Hinckley, Judge of the Court of Probate in writing Aaron Bates a resident of Southampton, 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, viz,

In the; month of May 1777 the day not now entered he entered the service as a substitute and private soldier at Southampton; aforesaid, in a company of Militia of which John White of Whateley was Captain and one Kellogg of Williamsburgh and Ebenezer Sheldon of Southampton Lieutenant.

The field officers were Colonel Wells, Lieut Colo May and Major White more—and served for the term of two months, being then regularly discharged.

The Regiment marched by the way of Bennington to Skeenesborough, thence by water to Ticonderoga—soon after crossed and was encamped on Mount Independence, where it when it was stationed until the evacuation of Ticonderoga in the forepart of July.

The term of service of Colonel Well's Regiment having nearly or quite expired, it was discharged at Skenesboro on reaching that place, after the retreat from Ticonderoga to Mount Independence a short time before our retreat, but the names of their officers I don now remember, General St. Clair commanded the whole.

Soon after his return from the above tour of duty the declarant again entered the service being drafter viz about the middle of August in the same year a private solder in a company of Militia of which John Kirkcland of Norwich was Captain, Abner Pomeroy of Southampton and Samuel Parsons of Northampton Lieutenants, the field officers were Colonel Ruggles Woodbridge of South Hadley, Lieut Colo Whitmore of Sunderland? Major does not remember and served until the first day of December following at which time said Regiment was discharged.

The service commenced by marching to Bennington where the Regiment remained some days, thence to Paulet and afterwards to Skeenesborough. One or two Regiments were in the same service. While at Paulet, Colonel Brown was detached with about five hundred men and surprised a british [British] port at Fort Defiance, and retook a number of American Prisoners. When I saw on his return—General Lincoln commanded the whole—the party to which the declarant belonged, came down and joined General Gates' Army the day before the battle of the seventh of October—After the surrender of Burgoyne's Army the Regiment to which the Declarant belonged marched to Albany and thence to White Plains where he was discharged on the first day

of December—On the day previous to being discharged the same declarant was taken sick, but left the assistance of others was enabled to reach Litchfield in the State of Connecticut, where he was confined for a long time—and did not reach home until ;the twenty fifth day of January 1778 and was then brought upon a bed in a sleigh—

The declarant further states that he was made up and received pay for his services until the time of his reaching home.

Said declarant again entered the service as a volunteer and private, about the first day of September 1778 in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Fairfield of Williamsburgh and in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Sparkhawk the three officers he does not remember—were stationed for most of the time on Dorchester Heights near Boston—marched to New London and back during the time of service—was dismissed about the first of November, at which time his brother Lemuel Bates took his place, having served a little over two months.

One or two Regiments were stationed at Boston during the term aforesaid, but the names of the officers he does not know.

The said declarant again entered the service as a volunteer and private soldier about the fifteenth day of July 1780 in a company of Militia of which Ebenezer Sheldon was Captain and Solomon Allen and—Smith Lieutenant. The field officers were Colonel Seth Murray of Hatfield and Lieutenant Colo Whitemore of Sunderland. The Major he does not recollect.

Marche to Claverack at which place he arrived the 19<sup>th</sup> of said July—from thence to West Point where he remained eight days. Said declarant with other of the company to which he belonged, were joined to a Corps consisting of three companies under the command of Colonel Weld of Roxbury and to a company to which he belonged, were joined to a Corps consisting of three companies under the command of Colonel Weld of Roxbury and to a company of which Richard Titcomb of Newbury port was Captain—Leinter and Allen and one Clark were Lieutenants. \_\_\_Allen also served as adjutant. They were marched to White Plains and were attached to Colonel Sheldon's Regiment of Light Horse, then under the command of Lieut Colo Jamison, and returned on the lines with said Regiment of Horse, frequently moving from one place to another, until their term of service expired. The said Declarant well remember the apprehension of Major Andre—and was standing as a continel [continental] at the door of Colonel Jamison when he was brought in – recollects that Lieutenant Allen was dispatched to [?] Quarters with the intelligence—was regularly discharged on the nineteenth day of October and arrived at home on the twenty second.

The said declarant was born at Durham in Connecticut, in the year 1757 – removed to the town of Southampton, Massachusetts with his father in in the year 1768 at which last mentioned place he lived when entering the service at the each of the above mentioned periods, where he has ever since lived and now lives.

He knows of no record of his age.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He would state the names of Deacon Roswell Strong & Asabel Birge Esq to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who will testify as to his character for veracity

and their belief o s his services as a soldier in the Revolution—He would further state that the only Clergyman now residing in his town is a young man recently settled, and who knows nothing before the subject.

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. (Signed) Aaron Bates

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid before me, Samuel Hinckley  
Judge of Probate for s'd County