

Pension Application for Jacob Bates

S.33982

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampshire SS

On this 29th day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, Samuel Putnam one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court personally appears Jacob Bates, aged seventy years, resident in Granville in the County & Commonwealth aforesaid, a citizen of the United States who being by me duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act for provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War."

That at the commencement of the Revolution he enlisted for eight months in the company under the command of Captain Lebbeus Ball in the Regiment commanded by [blank] Col Danielson in the Massachusetts line and served during that time, and when the battle was fought at Bunker hill he was with the troops upon the opposite side of Boston in Roxbury. Before his term of service was out he was commissioned as an ensign, to wit, January 1, 1776 in the same company & Regiment & line. The Regiment was then commanded by Col. Ebenezer Learned, and on the 10th of August of the same year was commissioned as 2d Lieut in the same company in the 3d Regiment of foot then and the immediate command of Lt Col William Shepherd as will appear by the commissions herewith transmitted.

That immediate command of Lt Col William Shepherd, as will appear by the two commissions herewith transmitted.

That immediately upon the expiration of said term of service and without leaving the army he engaged for the further term of one year & proceeded with the Regiment aforesaid from Boston to New York: was at the skirmish in East Chester and at the battle of White Plains.

Through New Jersey the Regiment to which he belonged as aforesaid, formed the extreme night at the Continental Army. That he was at the Capture of the Hessians at Trenton, and continued in said capacity with said company & army from one to two months after his term of service had expired, when he left the army in New Jersey in February or March 1777 and returned home thus completing an entire & continued tour of service of more than twenty one months against the then common enemy of the United States in the War of the Revolution. He remained at home a few months & then volunteered & served as a Lieutenant in a volunteer company under the command of Capt Aaron Coe in the Regiment commanded by Col John Mosely in the Northern Army, and was at the taking of Burgoine, after which he left and did not again enter the service.

That he is in possession of a Farm valued at about \$3000 and with a wife of nearly his age, is dependent solely upon is & her personal labour for support and aside from the infirmities of age in other respects, has so far lost the sight of both eyes as to be unable to cultivate his farm.

That he is much involved in debt and but for the aid of his children, all of whom live at a distance from him and on whom he has no pecuniary grounds of claim, he

could not pay his debts out of the whole of his estate and have any thing left, adequate to his present and future support, and that therefore he needs the assistance of his country provided in and by said act, for the reasons and for the purpose herein before expressed.

That no pension has been heretofore allowed him; by the laws of the United States nor has any application ever been made by him there for & he relinquishes all claim to any pension heretofore granted by law & is seventy years of age. (Signed) Jacob Bates

Given under my hand & the seal aforesaid Court the 29 Apl 1818. Putnam Just
S .J. Court of Mass't.