

Bounty Land for Nehemiah Bates

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Letter in folder dated October 30, 1916, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter dated the 28th ultimo, you are advised that this Bureau is unable to furnish the record of a soldier of the Revolution unless a claim for pension or bounty land has been made on account of his services, and a careful search of the records fails to show such a claim on file for Nehemiah Bates who was born in 1740, and served in Captain Banister's Company, Colonel Ezra May's Regiment in 1777.

However, you are advised that from the papers on file it appears that Nehemiah Bates, who was a son of Nehemiah Bates, was born in January 1764 at Cohasset, Massachusetts, resided in Chesterfield, Massachusetts when he enlisted and served from August 1781 to November 20, 1781, in Captain Ebenezer Strong's Company, Colonel Sears' Regiment, and was granted bounty land for said service. In 1855 he resided at Cummington Massachusetts.

There is no further family data on file.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Secretary's Office, Boston, April 21st 1855.

I Hereby Certify that from an examination of the Books and Documents relating to Military Services in the War of the Revolution, which remained in this department, it appears th the name of Nehemiah Bates is born on payroll of Capt Christopher Bannister to Stillwater and Saratoga from Sept 20, to Oct 14, 1777 21 days.

Also on pay roll of Capt Ebenezer Stongs & Liieut Richard Sylvester & Asa Ludden's Comp. Col Sears Regt form Aug 1 to Nov 20, 1781, 3 mos 13 days a private.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed the State of the Commonwealth the sate above written.

E. M. Wright. Secretary of the Commonwealth