

Pension Application for William Beard

W.12266 (Married August 23, 1831. William died August 11, 1838.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New-Hampshire

County of Merrimack SS

Court of Probate now Sitting.

On this 28th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Probate for said County, now sitting, William Beard, a resident of Dunbonton in the County of Merrimack and State of N.H. aged 74 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 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.

That he enlisted at Dracut Mass in the spring of 1776 for three months does not remember the officers under whom he served marched directly to the battle in Boston Harbor to repair the Fort, which had been destroyed [destroyed] by the British and there served the three months and dismissed but had no written discharge of his service but have lost it.

That he enlisted at Dracut Mass the first of August AD 1777 for three months under Capt. Stephen Russell Coll Ballows Regt, Gen Chief Commander in Mass line marched directly to Bennington to Pallet and to Castleton in Penmont, thence to the French lines, near Ticonderoga, the same place he served in 1776, there up Lake George and Crossed through the woods to [Runoborough?] New York & then march from Castleton was in a scout taken from the different Companys amounting in all to 500 men for four days we were out sixteen days and then found his company at Still Water, after the Battle pursued Burgoyne to Saratoga, was there at his surrender, after this to Albany from thence to White Plains, thence to East Chester, thence back to White Plains, that he actually served four months in this service; his officers would not dismiss him untill that time, was at that time honorably dismissed but did not take a written discharge.

That he reenlisted at Dracut aforesaid in February AD 1776 under Capt Farnum in Mass line marched to Boston stationed there about three weeks from thence to Dorchester Heights Stationed there about three weeks thence to Bunker Hill stationed there about seven weeks thence to Waburgs? and dismissed by Capt Farnum that the object of this service was to guard Burgoyne and his Army as Prisoners, that he has made diligent search for evidence of this service and confirmed no person who can testify to this service.

That he enlisted at Hanerhill Mass the 13th of Oct 1779 for three months, under Capt Stephen Webster in Coll Garrish Regt Massachusetts line and marched to Claverack New York then passed muster thence to Albany served there and in vicinity until his term of enlistment expired, then honorably dismissed but did not take a written discharge.

That he enlisted at Hanerhill Mass the 11th day of June AD 1780 for six months to joine [join] the Continental service under Capt Clapp, in Coll Williams Regt, he marched to West Point and there stationed on guard, the thinks in a few day was put into Light Infantry in Capt Wm Watsons Company in Colo Motts Regt & there served six months out being the time of his enlistment and then dismissed but had no written discharge, that he had orders for to draw provisions on his return home.

That he actually served, in, all, the, above, enlistments twenty four and, a, quarter months.

That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no Person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, except the evidence hereunto annexed. That he was born in Pelham N. H. in the year 1758.

That he has a record of his age which he took from the Town book in Pelham which he has transferred to his Bible which he has in his possession. John Bunten & David Putney both of Dumbarton in the County of Monmouth and State of N.H. will testify to my character for truth & veracity and their belief as to my service.

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) William Beard

Sworn to and subscribed, the twenty eight day of August AD 1832. H. B. Chase, Register of Probate.