

Pension Application for Joel L. Benjamin

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Letter in folder dated January 21, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Joel L. Benjamin was born in the year 1760, in New Braintree, Worcester County, Massachusetts: the exact date of his birth and the names of his parents were not given.

While a resident of Montague, Franklin County, Massachusetts, (the part which was later Wendell in said county) he enlisted in 1779 and served about three months as private in Captain Merriman's Massachusetts company: he enlisted sometime in 1780 and served six months as private in Captain Ebenezer Smith's company, Colonel Smith's Massachusetts regiment, during which service he marched to West Point, thence to New York and into New Jersey.

Joel L. Benjamin was allowed pension on his application executed August 14, 1832, at which time he resided in Wendell, Franklin County, Massachusetts; he had resided there ever since the Revolutionary war. He died December 8, 1839.

The soldier made no reference to wife or children.