

Pension Application for John Earle

W.24097 (Widow: Eunice)

Declaration, in order to secure the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Worcester SS

On this fifth day of September in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty personally appeared in open Court, before Nathl Paine, Judge of the Court of Probate for Worcester County, now sitting at Worcester within for said County, John Earle a resident of Harwick in the County of Worcester and Common wealth of Massachusetts, aged seventy 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Viz. That in the year of our Lord 1778 I was a private soldier in the company Massachusetts Militia commanded by Capt Tucker and that as a member of said Company I entered the service of the U. States about the first of July in said year and was stationed at Rutland in said Worcester County untill the first of January AD 1779 a period of six months. The service which we performed during said term of six months was guarding the captured troops of Genl Burgoyne the other officers were Lt. Ezekiel Bellows, Lt Jewett, Maj Longley.

I further state, that in September AD 1779 as a private soldier in Capt Richardson's Company of Massachusetts Militia. I marched to Albany and remained there and in that vicinity for the Term of Three months being engaged in the service the whole of that time and then returned home.

I further state that about the last of July AD 1780 as a private soldier in Capt Timothy Paiges company of Massachusetts Militia in Col Rand's Regiment. I marched to a place where [Hudson?] now in the State of New York and from thence to West Point and continued there till the fore part of October of the same year, making a term of three months.

I was born in the Town of Worcester in the County of Worcester aforesaid in the year of our Lord 1762 and the year that I was sixteen years old I removed to said Hardwick where I lived when called into the service of the U. States and where I have lived ever since.

In all the foregoing service I was a volunteer and the names of the regular officers under whom I served are given as far as I can recollect in the discretion of the foregoing terms of service. My age is recorded in a family record kept by my father & which was handed down to me by him.

I can refer to Joseph Knox Esq, Gardner Ruggles, Esq, as persons residing in my neighborhood for evidence of my character for veracity. I never received any discharge.

I hereby relinquish 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) John Earle

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Math. Paine, Judge of probate for the County of Worcester.