

Letter in folder dated April 26, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

John Gridley
W.23137

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.23137, based upon the military service of John Gridley in that war.

John Gridley was born at Roxbury, Massachusetts, John Gridley joined a company of minute men, commanded by Captain Man or Mann and on April 19, 1778, upon receipt of news of the battle of Lexington and Concord, marched in said company to Cambridge, Massachusetts shortly after his arrival there, enlisted in Captain John Boyd's Company, Colonels Heath and John Gradon's Massachusetts Regiment; was in the battle of Bunker Hill; volunteered for the expedition in Canada, served as a private in Captain Ward's Company, Colonel Benedict Arnold's Regiment, marched to Quebec enduring many hardships on the journey, and was in the attack on that day, December 31, 1775, when he was taken prisoner and held in confinement, a part of the time in irons, until August, 1776, when he was placed on board a ship and taken to New York, and in September, 1776, was released.

After the Revolution, he resided at Petersham, Worcester County, Massachusetts, for a while, then moved to Middleburg, Schoharie County, New York, where he died September 15, 1824, aged about seventy years.

The soldier married August 20, 1780, in Petersham, Massachusetts, Anna Rixford. Both were then of said Petersham. The date and place of birth of Anna and the names of her parents are not stated.

Anna, widow of John Gridley, was allowed pension on her application executed October 7, [1828? Blurred], at which time she was aged seventy-seven years and resided in Middleburgh, New York.

No reference was made to children.