

Pension Application for Benjamin Spaulding

W.19086 (Widow: Hannah)

Common wealth of Massachusetts.

County of Berkshire SS.

On this Fifteenth day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable William P. Walker, Judge of the court of Probate, within and for said County of Berkshire, now sitting, Benjamin Spaulding a resident of the town of Sheffield in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged Seventy Seven 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.

He enlisted and served six months under Captain Stephen Dewey, in Col. Smith's Regiment which time he marched from Sheffield to New York and was there at the Retreat. He enlisted the first of June 1776 and was discharged first of December.

That he enlisted in the Regular Army in June 1777 & served six months under Captain Timothy Remick in Col. Sprout's Regiment, he marched from Sheffield to New Jersey—He left home the sixth of June.

That he enlisted and served three months in 1779 under Capt. Adam Kasson in Col. Sears Regiment and marched from Sheffield to Albany in New York—He entered the service at this time in the last of August.

That he enlisted & served six months from the 3d July 1778 until the first of January 1799 agreeably to the Muster Roll hereto annexed—under Capt. Peter Porter, marched from Sheffield to Albany & was there stationed.

That he entered and served three months in the militia under Capt Jeremiah Hickok in Col. McKinstry's Regiment and marched from Sheffield to Saratoga—This was in the summer of 1781.

He was born in Paulingstown in Dutchess Co., New York in the year 1755.

He has a record in his family Bible which belonged to his father of his age.

He was living in Sheffield when called into the service.

He was a volunteer.

He served under Genl. Nixon. Capt Lewell, Capt Maines—Capt Williams.

He rec'd a discharge from Col Sprout, which I have lost.

He has no further evidence of his services than the Depositions of Zebulon Spalding and John Hyde hereto annexed and the original number roll which is also annexed.

He is acquainted with the Rev'd Sylvester Boot and Silas Kellogg Esq., who will testify as to his character and their belief of his services.

He preserved the original Muster Roll of Claudius Wheeler who was the son of Capt Truman Wheeler, who was Muster Master and is now deceased.

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 with his mark) Benjamin Spaulding

Witness: P. L. Hall

Letter in folder dated February 15, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the appears in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.19086 it appears that Benjamin Spaulding was born in 1755 in Pawlington, Dutchess County, New York.

While a resident of Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts he enlisted June 1, 1776 and served six months as private in captain Stephen Dewey's Company Colonel Smith's Massachusetts Regiment.

He enlisted June 1, 1777 and served six months as a private in Captain timothy Remick's Company, Colonel Sprout's Massachusetts Regiment.

He enlisted the last of August 1779 and served three months as a private in Captain Adam Kasson's Company, Colonel Sears' Massachusetts Regiment.

He enlisted in the summer of 1781 and served three months as a private in Captain Jeremiah Hickok's Company, Colonel McKinstry's Massachusetts Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 15, 1832 while a resident of Sheffield, Massachusetts. He died February 28, 1843 in said Sheffield.

Soldier married November 29, 1782 in Sheffield, Massachusetts, Hannah Hoakins. She died March 22, 1843 in said Sheffield aged eighty-four years.

Their only child, Mrs. Lucy Spaulding, was living in Sheffield, Massachusetts in 1843 aged fifty-one years.