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N.H. Service

KEMP, BENJAMIN

October 3, 1832 Benjamin Kemp of Sullivan, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, seventy-one years of age, deposed:

that he enlisted in 1778 from Pelham, N.H., for one month, under Capt. Gilman; marched to Bristol Ferry, R.I., and served the entire month under Gen. Sullivan; then at the request of the Captain, the company, (and he with them) staid another month and was verbally discharged a day or two before Gen. Sullivan's retreat;

that in 1779 he enlisted for three months to go to Portsmouth, N.H., passed muster there; was enrolled in an artillery company, the only Artillery company there, and was stationed on an island near the town where he served the entire time; can not remember the names of any of his officers there;

that in July 1780 he enlisted for three months; went to Fishkill, N.Y., and was there enrolled under Capt. Aiken, Col. Bartlett, New Hampshire regiment; went from there to West Point and remained there the rest of his term and one month over, receiving thirty dollars for his services; was at West Point when Arnold escaped and when Andre was taken; and at the end of the four

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months was discharged, reaching home in November 1780;

that he was born in Chelmsford, Mass., in 1761; resided in Pelham, N.H., during the Revolution, but since then in Keene and Sullivan.

Benjamin Kemp.

October 17, 1832 Zadock Nims and Eliakim Nims, both of Sullivan, N.H., certified that it is the general belief in the neighborhood in which Benjamin Kemp lives, that he has been a soldier in the Revolution, in which opinion we concur.

Zadock Nims,
Eliakim Nims.

September 5, 1832 Phineas Hamblet of Swansey, N.H., seventy-eight years of age, testified that in 1778 he lived in Pelham, N.H., enlisted at same time as Kemp, and served in same company; was discharged at same time and returned home together; that being a neighbor, he knew of Kemp's service at Portsmouth.

Phineas Hamblet.

Claim allowed and Certificate 6699, New Hampshire Agency, was issued March 6, 1833, Act of June 7, 1832.

(No other Revolutionary Pensioner, named Benjamin Kemp from any state. BMD.)