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Mass. Navy &amp; N.H. Service

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September 25, 1832 Benjamin Kimball of Methuen, Massachusetts, seventy-one years of age, deposed:

that he enlisted in September 1777 for one month under Capt. Gage, Lieut. Nevins, and Col. Moore, New Hampshire Militia, at Pelham, N.H., where he then resided; marched to Keene, N.H., then through Northfield, Mass., Battenkill, N.Y. and Fort Edward, N.Y., to Fort Miller where they crossed the Hudson and marched down the river in the rear of the British army, "in which position he was when Burgoyne surrendered" that he was verbally discharged at Saratoga, N.Y., the latter part of October, his time having expired;

that in May, 1778 he enlisted, to serve as a Marine, on board the U.S. Ship Warren, Capt. JOHN HOPKINS Commanded the ship and Capt. Trowbridge, the Marines; remained some time in Boston harbor then went on a cruise; "took the British ship Fanny, bound from Jamaica to Halifax with a cargo of lemons, raisins, wine etc. She was ordered

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to Boston and retaken before she reached said port; took also a brig loaded with salt and a sloop loaded with molasses and sent them to Boston; returned to Boston in December following and was regularly discharged;" although not in writing;

that he enlisted for two months, as a volunteer, in August or September 1779, under Capt. Deering; marched to Portsmouth, and was stationed on Pierce's Island in the harbor all the time until he was verbally discharged at the expiration of his term;

that he enlisted at Bradford, Mass., where he then resided, in June, 1780 for six months, to recruit the Continental army; marched under Capt. PHINEHAS PARKER to West Point where he was put under Capt. Pierce, Col. Jackson and served out his term, receiving his discharge in December 1780;

that since the Revolutionary War he has lived in Grafton County, New Hampshire and in Methuen, Mass.

Benjamin Kimball.

Rev. Charles O. Kimball and Benjamin Osgood, both of Methuen, certified that it is the general belief in the

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neighborhood in which Benjamin Kimball lives, that he has been a soldier in the Revolution, in which opinion we concur.

Charles O. Kimball,  
Benja. Osgood.

August 16, 1832 Josiah Wyman of Hudson, N.H., sixty-nine years of age, testified that in 1778 Benjamin Kimball and he lived in Pelham, N.H., and were near neighbors; he went away in the spring of '78 and was said to have enlisted in the Naval service; returned in about seven months; said he had been serving on board the U.S. Ship Warren; and that was the belief then and is now;

that in September 1777 when men were called for to oppose Burgoyne, a large number of men from Pelham turned out and among them was Benjamin Kimball. "The volunteers of Pelham and Windham met at my father's to organize and Kimball was one of them. I saw him march away."

Josiah Wyman.

August 24, 1832 JOHN CAMPBELL of Windham, N.H., sixty-nine years of age, testified that he served two months in 1779 at Portsmouth, N.H. "On my way thither Benjamin Kimball then of Pelham, overtook me in a town called Stratham and

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went with me to Pierce's Island in Portsmouth harbor where we joined Capt. Deering's company"...I continued in the same company with the said Kimball and messed with him until the two montns were completed and we were discharged together and returned home together."

John Campbell.

Claim allowed and Certificate 21149, Massachusetts Agency, was issued August 20, 1833, Act of June 7, 1833.

(No other Revolutionary Pensioner named Benjamin Kimball from New Hampshire or who served in a New Hampshire regiment, but there were three others of the name who received pensions. One (S13631) served from Connecticut and was pensioned while a resident of Amherst, Mass.; Another (S29278) served from Massachusetts and resided in Wells, Maine, when pensioned while the third (S32946) served from Massachusetts and resided in Ipswich, Mass., when pensioned. These four are the only Revolutionary Pensioners of the name from any state. Very little family data is given in any of them. None of them had widows who were pensioned. BMD.)