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Massachusetts
& N.H. Service.MARSH, JACOB

August 28, 1832 Jacob Marsh of Pelham, New Hampshire, seventy-two years of age, deposed:

that he enlisted in March, 1776 "to go to the Castle in Boston Harbor to repair the fort there which had been destroyed by the British," for three months; served two months; was taken sick and allowed to return home;

that in 1777 about thirty men enlisted from the town of Pelham "to assist in capturing Burgoyne's army;" chose their officers before they started, as follows:

Captain, Amos Gage
Lieutenant, Robert Nevens and
Captain, Thomas Spafford of Pelham, acted as Orderly

Sergeant. "Some men from other towns joined us to make up the company and some of the officers were chosen from there;" marched to Bennington, Fort Miller and Fort Edward, where they staid most of the time. "We afterwards crossed the North river where we were in hourly expectation of an engagement with the Hessians, but no battle took place

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as the British army surrendered. While at Fort Edward a party of our men captured and brought in over fifty Indians and a number of British Soldiers who had been wounded;" was verbally discharged at the end of his time;

that in June, 1780, he enlisted for six months; went to Worcester, Mass., from whence a Sergeant "conducted us to West Point, where Arnold commanded. We were there mustered and attached to Major Scott's company, commanded by Lieut. How, Col. Cilley's regiment and were stationed in sight of the city of New York. After Arnold's villainy was discovered the regiment marched in great haste to West Point" where they staid some time then went to Soldier's Fortune where he received his discharge, which he has lost;

that in August 1781 six men were called for from Newburyport, Mass., to go to West Point"...."Capt. Whittier of Methuen was employed by the men whose duty it was to go, to procure men to go as substitutes for them. Six men from the town of Pelham engaged to go:

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JOSIAH COBURN
JAMES FERGUSON
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AMOS KEMP
EDMUND TENNEY

and myself;" went to Newburyport and enlisted for three months; then to Worcester where they passed muster and were put under Lieut. Davis then to West Point, where he served out his term and received a discharge, which he has, also lost;

that he was born August 22, 1760 in Bradford, Mass., moved to Pelham before the Revolutionary war.

Jacob Marsh.

Rev. John H. Church, D.D., and Samuel M. Richardson, both of Pelham, N.H., certified that it is the general belief in the neighborhood in which Jacob Marsh lives, that he has been a soldier in the Revolution, in which opinion we concur.

John H. Church,
Sam'l M. Richardson.

June 27, 1832 WILLIAM BEARD of Dunbarton, N.H., testified to two months' service with Jacob Marsh at Castle, in 1776.

William Beard.

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July 10, 1832 BENJAMIN SAWYER of Warner, N.H.,
testified to same effect.

Benjamin Sawyer.

July 20, 1832 THOMAS SPAFFORD of Pelham, N.H.,
testified to service in 1777, as Orderly Sergeant
in same company with Jacob Marsh.

Thomas Spafford.

July 20, 1832 JOSIAH WYMAN of Hudson, N.H.,
testified to service in 1780 with Jacob Marsh as
stated.

Josiah Wyman.

July 20, 1832 JOSIAH COBURN and EDMUND TENNEY,
both of Pelham, N.H., testified to service in 1781, as
substitutes together with Jacob Marsh with whom they
messed.

Josiah Coburn,
Edmund Tenney.

Claim allowed and Certificate 10332, New Hampshire
Agency, was issued April 3, 1833, Act of June 7, 1832.

From memorandum on file it appears that Jacob Marsh,
seventy-nine years of age, was living in Pelham in 1840
with Prescott Jones.