

INTRODUCTION

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATIONS

Years after the end of the American Revolution, military veterans in financial need were allowed to apply to the Federal Government for a pension. However, prior to receiving a pension, veterans were required to submit an application documenting their military service.

Usually these applications detailed the time and nature of the applicant's military service.

The hand written applications of all New Hampshire have been transcribed. Applications submitted by thirteen Pelham residents are placed in this section of the Hayes-Genoter History and Genealogy Library and establish that Pelham Revolutionary War Veterans participated in the following Battles and Military Campaigns:

Bennington
Bunker Hill
Bemis Heights (Saratoga)
Fishkill
Fort Edward
Fort Miller
General Sullivan's Genesee Indian Campaign
Morristown
Monmouth
Peeksville
Portsmouth Defense
Princeton
Saratoga
Siege of Boston Winter Hill
Ticonderoga
Trenton
Valley Forge
West Point
White Plains

The applications usually contained statements by other veterans who served with the thirteen pensioners. These statements often document the military service of the Pelham resident making the statement. The following veterans submitted statements in support of the pension applications of their fellow veterans:

Barker, Benjamin
Barker, Richard
Bear, William
Button, Eliphalet
Coburn, Josiah
Cutter, David
Davis, Samuel
Ferguson, John
Gage, Abel

Gage, Amos
Gage, Jonathan
Gage, Otis
Gibson, Jesse
Griffin, James
Hardy, Thomas
Hobbs, James
Howard, Enoch
Johnson, Amos
Nevins, Robert
Palmer, Ebenezer
Richardson, Daniel
Spofford, Frederic
Spofford, Thomas
Tenney, Edmund
Tyler, Jeremiah
Williams, Josiah
Wyman, Josiah

Finally, the applications incorporate statements by the following Pelham Town Officials and/or Clergy:

Church, Reverend John Hubbard
Hamblett, Phineas
Moody, Reverend Amos
Richardson, Samuel M