

SERVICE

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Mass

Briggs, Phineas

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20. 486
 New York
 Died Feb. 10 1842
 Phineas Briggs
 of Kalkiner in the State of New York
 who was a Private in the Regt. commanded
 by Captain Cobb of the Regt. commanded
 by Col. Walker in the Mass. 1839.
 line for 4 M. 29 85

\$30.00
 242
 \$32.42
 \$64.84
 16.21
 \$81.05

Inscribed on the Roll of *Went*
 at the rate of 32 Dollars 42 Cents per annum,
 to commence on the 1st day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 15 day of Sep.
 1833 and sent to H. N. N. N.
 Hanfield

Arrears to the 1st of Sep 33 \$81.05
 Semi-ann. allowance ending Apr 24 16.21
 \$97.26

Recorded by *G. C. Stiles* Clerk,
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 Revolutionary Claim,
 Act June 7, 1832.

Paid at the Treasury under
 the Act of the 1 April 1836
 from 4 March 1838 to 4 Sept
 1838. Agt. notified 29 July
 1839.
 July 5 L. H. Briggs - History Proc.

City of New York
County of Westchester

(1)

On this 8. day of October 1832 personally appeared before the court of common pleas now sitting in and for said county Phineas Briggs, a resident of the town of Rushwa in the said County and State, aged Eighty-two 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 provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7. 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officer, and served as here in stated. That he was a resident in the town of ^{Spencer} ~~Weston~~, County of Bristol in the State of Massachusetts at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, and in the month of April 1775. he was called to Roxbury on an alarm, and while at Roxbury and in same month of April 1775. he entered in the service of the United States under Capt. Silas Cole, in Col. Walker's Regiment and General Putnam's Brigade for Eight months, was stationed in Roxbury, but was occasionally called from Roxbury to other Military Post, and after serving out his term of Eight months under Capt. Cole he returned home to the town of ~~Weston~~ ^{Spencer}. And that said deponent doth further declare, that in or about the month of December 1775. he enlisted & was enrolled in Capt. Seth Smith's company of Artillery as a minute man in the Alarm List, and remained in that service during the continuance of the war; was frequently called out on alarms, was called to Warrers in Massachusetts, and then soon after the place was burnt by the British. And was also called to Rhode Island in General Sullivan's expedition, and was never called for afterwards, though he remained enrolled during

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the war in the above list as before said. And
the said deponent further declares, that he has
no documentary evidence, and that he knows
of no person living whose testimony he can
procure, who constitutes to his injury, except
Jabez Briggs of the town of Colerain, in the
county of Franklin in the state of Massachusetts
and this Deposition is here with a certificate
with this declaration. and the said deponent
doth further declare that his name is not on any
pension roll of the agency of any state, and he
hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to
a pension or annuity, except the present.

I was born in North Massachusetts,
1750 and my age is recorded there but
I have no record of my age in my possession.
When called into service I served in
Northford since the Revolutionary war
I lived in Northford as near as I can
recollect about two years then in Rehoboth
Massachusetts about six years then in
Savoy in the state about six years and
then I removed into Rye in the
County of Andover in the state of New
York and I have resided there ever
since being thirty two years. I
enlisted into the service about
1780 and was a volunteer.

My Captain was Silas Cobb, my Col.
was Walker, I can not tell his
Christian name. Genl. Putnam had
command of the Brigade to which I
belonged. The Company to which
I belonged was employed to guard
the Coast. We were called on to

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March to Boston at the Battle of
Bunker Hill and went as far as
Roxbury where we were ordered
back to camp at or near Dorchester
I never received a discharge from
the service. I am known in my
present neighborhood to ^{Eliza Hall} ~~William~~
~~Eliza~~, William Cory of Russia
who can speak as to my character
and my reputation of having been
such a revolutionary soldier.

Given by 13/1/99

Sworn and subscribed in
open Court, Oct 9, 1832
Julius C. Nelson, Clerk

We William Cory and Eliza Hall - residing in
the town of Russia do hereby certify that we are well
acquainted with Thomas Briggs a resident of the town
of Russia in the County of Berkshire and State of New York
who was subpoenaed and sworn to the above declaration,
that we believe ~~him to be~~ ^{him to be} Eighty two years of age, that
he is respected and industrious in ^{the} neighborhood where he resides,
to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that
we concur in that opinion.

Sworn in open Court
October 9th 1832 before me
Julius C. Nelson, Clerk

William Cory
Eliza Hall

And the said Court do hereby declare their Opinion that the above
named applicant was a revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states

I Julius C. Nelson Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of
the County of Berkshire do hereby certify that the foregoing contains

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

May 16. 1837

Sir.

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form: On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: {). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of *Phineas Briggs*

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served.	Names and Rank of the General and Field officers.	Battles in which the applicant was engaged.	Country through which he marched.	Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period.	Evidence by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.							
<i>only April 1795 - and Jan 1795</i> <i>stating he was drafted from the army when called in</i>	8			<i>Private</i>	<i>Capt. Cobb</i> <i>Capt. Smith</i> <i>th</i>	<i>Col. Walker</i> <i>Gen. Paul</i> <i>Brig. Gen. Bullen</i>		<i>Roxbury</i> <i>Worcester</i> <i>Massachusetts</i> <i>also - Bristol</i> <i>Providence</i> <i>Worcester</i>	<i>82 years</i> <i>Massachusetts</i> <i>the applicant since 1795 - 8 months -</i> <i>other testimony</i> <i>traditional</i>	<i>My father says he knows that the applicant since 1795 - 8 months - other testimony traditional</i>

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

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REGULATIONS UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE 7, 1832.

The following regulations have been adopted:

This law has been construed to extend, as well to the line, as to every branch of the Staff of the Army, and to include under the terms "Continental Line," "State troops," "militia," and "volunteers," all persons enlisted, drafted, or who volunteered and who were bound to military service, but not those who were occasionally employed with the army upon civil contracts, such as Clerks to Commissaries and to Store Keepers, &c. Teamsters, Boatmen, &c. Persons who served on board of Private Armed Vessels are also excluded from the benefits of the law, as well as persons who turned out as patrols, or were engaged in guarding particular places at night, and were not recognized as being in actual military service.

Four general classes of cases are embraced in this law:

1. The Regular Troops.
2. The State Troops, Militia, and Volunteers.
3. Persons employed in the Naval service.
4. Indian Spies.

As rolls of the regular troops in the Revolutionary War exist in this Department, all persons, claiming the benefit of this law as officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians or privates, will in the first instance, make application by transmitting the following declaration, which will be made before a Court of Record of the County where such applicant resides. And every Court having by law a seal and Clerk is considered a Court of Record.

DECLARATION,

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832.

State, Territory, or District of } ss.
County of }

On this day of personally appeared (a) before
A. B. a resident (b) of in the county of and State, Territory or District
of aged (c) 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed
June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year (d), with and
served in the (e) regiment of the line, under the following named officers:

[Here set forth the names and rank of the Field and Company Officers; the time he left the service; (and if he served under more than one term of enlistment, he must specify the particular period, and rank and names of his officers); the town or county and State in which he resided when he entered the service; the battles, if any, in which he was engaged, and the country through which he marched. [If this form is to be varied so as to apply to the cases of officers and persons who belonged to the militia, volunteers, navy, &c.]

He hereby relinquishes every claim (f) whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State, or (if any) only on that of the Agency in the State of

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

A. B.

[And then will follow the certificate of the Court.]

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion (g) that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states.

I, of the Court of
do hereby certify (h) that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office (i) this
day of &c.

If, on examination of the proper record the names of applicants, making such declaration, cannot be found, they will produce such proof as the rule given in note (j) points out.

Every applicant who claims a pension by virtue of service in the State Troops, Volunteers or Militia, except those who belonged to the New Hampshire Militia and State Troops of Virginia, will make and subscribe a declaration similar to the foregoing, with the following additions, viz:

(k) We, A. B., a Clergyman, residing in the and C. D. residing in (the same)
hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with, who has
subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be
years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier
of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[And then will follow the certificate of the Court.]

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that A. B. who has signed the preceding certificate, is a clergyman, resident in the
and that C. D., who has also signed the same is a resident in the
and is a credible person, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I, Clerk of the Court of do hereby certify that the foregoing
contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of
for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
of office, this day of &c.

Every applicant will produce the best proof in his power. This is the original discharge or commission; but if neither of these can be obtained, the party will so state under oath, and will then procure, if possible, the testimony of at least one credible witness, stating in detail his personal knowledge of the services of the applicant, and such circumstances connected therewith, as may have a tendency to throw light upon the transaction.

If such surviving witness cannot be found, the applicant will so state in his declaration (l) and he will also, whether he produce such evidence or not, proceed to relate all the material facts, which can be useful in the investigation of his claim, and in the comparison of his narrative with the events of the period of his alleged service, as they are known at the Department. A very full account of the services of each person