

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

## County of Berkshire, ss.

ON this ~~Twenty fourth~~ day of September A. D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable WILLIAM P. WALKER, Judge of the Court of Probate, within and for said County of Berkshire, now sitting,

*Joseph Clappin* a resident of the town of ~~Tyningham~~ Tyningham in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged ~~seventy five~~ 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 act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That in the year seventeen hundred forty six he resided in Tyningham Mass that in the month of June or July of the aforesaid year he volunteered in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Noah Langdon & marched in ~~D~~ Company to the North River in the State of New York that he marched through Peekskill to Cortland Bay so called & thence joined the Regiment commanded by Major Gilks Jackson that he continued to serve in ~~D~~ Company & Regiment for the term of one month or more when he was discharged from ~~D~~ Service with said Company at Cortland Bay - he further states that in the Month of August of the aforesaid year at said Tyningham where he then resided he volunteered in a company of Militia commanded by Captain George King of Gt Barrington for the term of three months that he marched in said company to Norwalk Connecticut from thence to Voluntine hill so called in the State of New York & thence joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Simonds of Williamstown from Voluntine hill he marched in said Company & Regiment to White Plains & there joined the Army under General Washington - that he then assisted in building a breast work that he was then at the Battle - that ~~on the night~~ the Army under Gen Washington left the Plains & took their Station on three small hills adjoining D Plains - the next morning White Plains was burnt the enemy then moved up Gen Washington opened his batteries & continued cannonading the greater part of the day - the Enemy then retreated back to New York from thence he marched to North Castle that he continued to serve in said company & Regiment during the term of three month & four days that the company remained <sup>but</sup> by the special request of General Washington that he was then discharged at said North Castle with ~~D~~ Company - he further states that at said Tyningham where he then resided in the year 1777 in the month of July he again volunteered in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Ezekiel Herrick of D Tyningham & marched in ~~D~~ Company to Bennington Vermont from thence to Fort Edward & there joined

the Regiment Commanded by Col. Ashby from thence he marched  
to Kingsbury in the state of New York. that he continued to serve in said  
Company & Regiment for the term of one month or more when  
he was discharged with said Company at D Kingsbury —  
and afterwards at D Tiverton in the month of September following  
he again volunteered in a Company of Militia Commanded by  
Captain Noah Langdon that he marched in D Company to Stillwater  
in the State of New York & there joined the Army under Gen' Gats in  
the Regiment Commanded by Col. Ashby that a part of the Army  
was detached at D Stillwater & Marched to Saratoga that he marched  
in D detachment to D Saratoga & was then at the time Bureoyne  
Capitulated. that he was then discharged after continuing in said  
Service one Month or more — and afterwards at said Tiverton in the  
Year 1781 he volunteered in a Company of Militia Commanded by  
Captain Ezekiel Smith & marched in D Company to Stillwater in  
the State of New York on an Indian Alarm that he continued in  
service in D Expedition for the term of three weeks when he was discharged  
that he has no documentary Evidence ~~of no person whose testimony~~  
~~he can swear to testify to his service~~ Capt. Gedaliah Dean Robert  
Humphrey Asariah Orton & Daniel Garfield ~~whose~~ affidavits are  
hereunto annexed.

Answers to Interrogatories propounded to the applicant by  
the Court in obedience to the Regulations of the Department of War

Ans to 1<sup>st</sup> I was born in Sudsfield Me. in the year 1757.

Ans to 2<sup>d</sup> I have no record of my age.

Ans to 3<sup>r</sup> I live in Tiverton Me. When I entered the Service when I have  
since resided and where I now reside.

Ans to 4<sup>t</sup> I volunteered as stated in my application.

Ans to 5<sup>th</sup> Colonels Ashby Simonds & May Jackson Commanded the  
Regiments in which I served. I saw Genl Washington Lincoln &c  
Lord Sterling at White Plains. Genl Gats Commanded at  
Stillwater & Saratoga.

Ans to 6<sup>th</sup> I never received a written discharge I was discharged as  
stated in my application.

Ans to 7<sup>th</sup> Rev J. Warren Dow & Fedon Field Esquire