

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of David Jewett: S32896

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

District of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire Ts.[?] on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord 1818 before me the subscriber first & Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the Western Circuit in said Commonwealth & including the said County of Berkshire, personally appeared David Jewett of Lanesborough in said county of the age of nearly sixty years a Citizen of the United States & now resident of said Lanesborough in the District aforesaid who on oath doth make the Declaration following in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war." - That he enlisted at Lanesborough aforesaid under Lieut. Frisbie & was placed in the light Infantry company, usually or frequently commanded by Capt Hitchcock of said county & sometimes by Capt Mills - that he enlisted about the month of February A.D. 1777 & served to the end of the war in the Army of the United States, when he was honourably discharged, as appears by the discharge now offered of June 9 1783 under the signature of General Washington & which is hereunto annexed. that he was at the capture of General Burgoyne [sic: John Burgoyne at Saratoga NY, 17 Oct 1777] & of Cornwallis [at Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] & many other actions during the war. that he is now in small circumstances, possessing small means of support, & is in bad health & not able to perform any considerable service & stands in need of the support provided by the said law.

[signed] David Jewett

[A printed form with handwritten entries shown in italics:]

By His Excellency

GEORGE WASHINGTON, ESQ

General and Commander in Chief of the Forces of the  
United States of America.

THESE are to CERTIFY that the Bearer hereof *David Jewet fifer* in the *first Massachusetts* Regiment, having faithfully served the United States *Six years & four months* and being inlisted for the War only, is hereby DISCHARGED from the American Army.

GIVEN at HEAD-QUARTERS the *9<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1783*

*G<sup>o</sup> Washington*

By HIS EXCELLENCY'S

Command,

*J Trumbull Gen'l Sy*

REGISTERED in the Books of the Regiment, *Ralph H. Bowles* Adjutant,

THE above *David Jewit Fifer* has been honored with the BADGE of MERIT for *six Years* faithful Service. *Joseph Voss[?] Col'l*

[Reverse side]

HEAD-QUARTERS, June *9<sup>th</sup>* 1783.

THE within CERTIFICATE shall not avail the Bearer a Discharge, until the Ratification of the definitive Treaty of Peace; previous to which Time, and until Proclamation thereof shall be made, He is to be considered as being on Furlough.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

*Twenty dollars Massachusetts gratuity by resolve of 5<sup>th</sup> March 1801 has been paid -  
David Jewett - Fifer  
Town of Lanesboro  
Chooses \$20-  
presented Gideon Wheeler Esqr*