

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Cushing S16356

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State of New Hampshire County of Hillsborough

On this 27th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Probate [interlined word indecipherable] in & for said County, now sitting, John Cushing a resident of Goffstown in the County of Hillsboro and State of New Hampshire aged 82 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 is to say -- In October A.D. 1775 he enlisted aboard of a Privateer Brig *Washington* & sailed out of Beverly Massachusetts, Elias Smith Commander, Benjamin Leavitt, 1st Lieut., Moses Leavitt sailing master, & took 5 prizes -- one was retaken and four brought into Salem Massachusetts was out 3 months. In November A.D. 1776 entered aboard the privateer Schooner *Warren*¹ of Salem Massachusetts and after being out about 3 weeks was taken by the British Ship *Thomas* Letter of Marque from Liverpool -- was carried into that place & kept a prisoner till May following when he was sent to Mill Prison and confined there 2 years & 7 months. He was then exchanged and was sent to St. Marlowe in France & thence to 'L Orion [sic, L'Orient] at which place he enlisted for 12 months in the service of the United States on Board of the Ship *Carolina* [sic, *South Carolina*] from South Carolina, Commodore Alexander Gillon commander, John Joiner Capt., Nicholas Bartlett first Lieut., he enlisted in May or June A.D. 1780 as a surgeon's mate at \$20 per month. From L'Orion he went to Amsterdam and remained in the service with said ship 19 months & 21 days, and then left the ship on her return to America at Havana from where he returned to Salem and a brig commanded by Capt. Waters.

I was born at Haverhill, Count of Essex & State of Massachusetts December 22ns A.D. 1749

¹ Thanks to Ken Kellow for pointing out that the veteran served on the *Warren*, not the *Warrior* as I have originally misread the application. Ken has a wonderful website, American War of Independence At Sea, posted at <http://www.awiatsea.com/Index.html> . He has an article on the *Warren* posted at <http://www.awiatsea.com/Privateers/W/Warren%20Massachusetts%20Sloop%20%5BPhillips%20Barlow%5D.html>.

My place of residence when I entered the service was Goffstown aforesaid where I have lived ever since

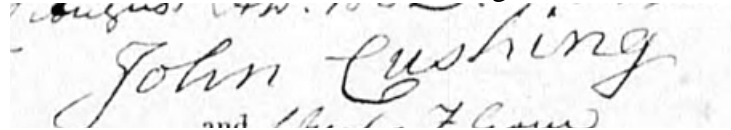
I have no record of my age -- I volunteered into the Service, under the before named officers. I never received any discharge -- Am acquainted with Honorable Jesse Carr and Charles F. Gove. There is no Clergyman in Goffstown with whom I am particularly acquainted.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed, the 27th day of August A.D. 1832 in open Court.

S/ Edmund Parker, J. Probate

S/ John Cushing

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Cushing". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. Above the signature, there is some faint, illegible handwriting, possibly a date or reference number. The signature is centered horizontally in the block.

[Jesse Carr and Charles F. Gove gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On January 14, 1843, Mary Cushing, 71, widow of John Cushing, a pensioner at the rate of \$393.33/annum, filed in Hillsborough County, NH for the arrears due her husband at the time of his death which occurred on June 22, 1834; she states she married him in January 1795.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$393.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 19 months & 20 days service as a surgeon in the South Carolina sea service.]