

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

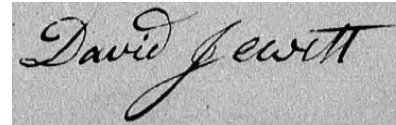
Pension Application of David Jewett S32896

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District of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire Ss. on this 24th 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 [Lanesboro] 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 [Luke] 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.



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 Jewett 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.

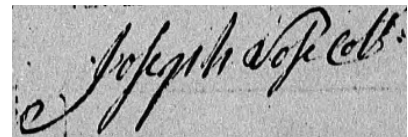
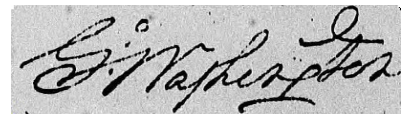
GIVEN at HEAD-QUARTERS the 9th Day of June 1783

By HIS EXCELLENCY'S
Command,

J Trumbull Gen'l Sy

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

THE above David Jewett Fifer has been honored with the BADGE of MERIT for six Years
faithful Service. Joseph Vose Col'l



[Reverse side]

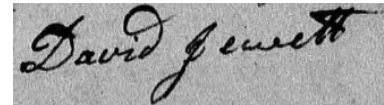
HEAD-QUARTERS, June 9th 1783.

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 5th March 1801 has been paid –
David Jewett – Fifer
Town of Lanesboro
Chooses \$20–
presented Gideon Wheeler Esqr

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of “An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution” approved on the fifteenth of May 1828 I David Jewett of Lanesborough in the County of Berkshire in the state of Massachusetts do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its service until its termination, at which period I was a musician in Captain Miller’s company in the first Regiment of the Massachusetts line commanded by Col. Joseph Vose. And I further declare that I was not on the fifteenth day of March 1828 on the Pension List of the United States. And I further state that I have not received a certificate for the reward of Eighty dollars for which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1778, that I enlisted in the month of February 1777 but had no knowledge of the existence of said act or that I was entitled to a certificate under it. And I further declare that my discharge was transmitted by me to the War office at Washington in 1818 & that it is now on file in said office.

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Jewett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.