

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Loring S33002

f19Navy [Mass]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Be it remembered, that on the second day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen before me Samuel Dana Chief justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the middle Circuit comprehending the Counties of Essex and Middlesex in the Commonwealth aforesaid being a Court of record duly established by Law Comes Joseph Loring now resident at Townsend in said County of Middlesex and on Oath declares, that he served in the war of the revolution against the common Enemy Eleven months – That in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy nine being then a resident of Lexington in said County of Middlesex, he enlisted into the Naval service of the United States upon the Continental establishment, about the last of August in that year as a Marine under Captain Palmer, Captain of Marines on board the *Boston*<sup>1</sup> Frigate then Commanded by Samuel Tucker<sup>2</sup> Esquire & then lying in the Harbor of Boston, he immediately went on board and remained in the Harbor about 10 weeks (as well as he can recollect) & proceeded to the Gulf of [undeciphered word]<sup>3</sup> where they experienced a violent storm & went into Charleston South Carolina to repair, when the Ship was refitted, She did not proceed to sea, but was kept in port until the British fleet arrived, & the *Boston* was hauled up to the Wharf, her Guns taken out, & carried to the Fort, and She was finally surrendered at the Capture of Genl. Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army,<sup>4</sup> the Crew of the *Boston* was put on board the prison Ship's where this Declarant remained, about one month, and then was carried to Philadelphia, & went into Barracks, where he remained till the next July, when he was informed that he was at liberty to return home – on the first day of July the crew all departed and he with about twenty of his Ship Mates, arrived in Massachusetts by land in about fifteen days – He is now Seventy years old, and so destitute of Property that he stands in need of assistance from his Country for support. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of April Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Five at Lexington Battle, his Father's house was burned & all his personal property the tools of the Farm and, the clothing of the Family was destroyed, and he has never

<sup>1</sup> [https://threedecks.org/index.php?display\\_type=show\\_ship&id=2391](https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_ship&id=2391)

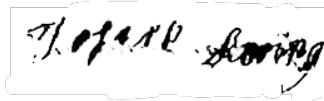
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<sup>4</sup> May 12, 1780 Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/> & <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

regained his loss at that period.

Joseph Loring

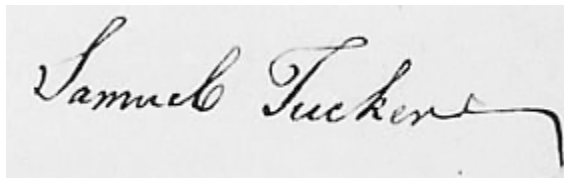
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I Samuel Tucker of Bristol in the District of Maine being duly Sworn depose and say, that in the revolutionary war I commanded the *Boston* Frigate, being a vessel in the continental service. – Sometime about the first of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine Joseph Loring now residing in Townsend in the State of Massachusetts entered in the continental service as a Marine on board said Frigate; – that said Loring continued in said service as a Marine some times doing duty as an officer of Marines until said Frigate was taken at the siege of Charlestown, South Carolina; that said Loring was then taken a prisoner and continued a prisoner until the last of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty when he was exchanged at Philadelphia and was soon after discharged by order of the continental Congress. –

And I do further state that I am not positive as to the exact time said Loring was in the service: it must have been ten months at least, and according to the best of my recollection all who went with me on that cruise were in the continental Service not far from eleven months. – And I do further declare that the said Joseph Loring who Served with me is now here present, and to my certain knowledge is the same person who signed the application here unto annexed

Samuel Tucker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Tucker". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Certified in the Main District on December 8, 1820]

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Middlesex SS

At the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the Middle Circuit be gone and holden at Cambridge within and for the County of Middlesex on the second Monday of December A.D. 1820 & continued by adjournment to January 15<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1821

Before the Honorable Samuel Dana Esquire Chief Justice & William Wetmore & Stephen Minot, Esquires Associate Justices of said Court

In open Court here being a Court of Record for said Circuit proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and having the power of fine and imprisonment Joseph Loring resident in Groton in said County and Circuit appears and exhibits to the Court here a schedule subscribed by him as follows to wit

Schedule

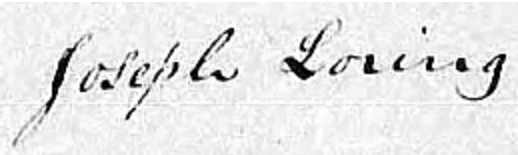
containing his whole estate and income his necessary clothing and bedding excepted to wit:

Real Estate, None.

Personal Estate – None.

Income, nothing

Joseph Loring

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Loring". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

And the said Joseph Loring does on his oath declare that he is seventy four years of age – that he is a husbandman by occupation but by reason of infirmities of age is wholly unable to support himself by labour and that he has no family.

Samuel Dana Ch. Jus. as aforesaid

And at the same time he produces to the Court here the following oath taken and subscribed by him before the Honorable Samuel Dana a Judge of the said Court as aforesaid to wit: –

Hi Joseph Loring do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. So help me God

Joseph Loring

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 2, 1818, for service as a Marine in the Frigate *Boston* under Captain Tucker for 10 months.]