

Pension Application for Timothy Adams

W.20572 (Widow: Joanna) They married September 18, 1781. Timothy died May 6, 1824.

State of Massachusetts SS.

On this twenty eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, personally appeared before the Justice of the Police Court in Lowell, the same being a Court of Record in the county of Middlesex in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Joanna Adams, a resident of the town of Carlisle in said County of Middlesex, aged eighty two years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows".

That she is the widow of Timothy Adams, who was a private soldier in the Army of Revolution under these several engagements. The said Timothy first entered the service in 1775, under Capt John Ford of Chelmsford and served eight months at Cambridge and in the vicinity of Boston. He enlisted at Chelmsford where he resided during the Revolutionary War and until 1793—The said Timothy entered the service a second time in 1776 under Capt. Reuben Butterfield for the term of three months, and marched to Rhode Island, and thence to White Plains, and was under the command of Col. Thatcher, and served out the time of this engagement.

And that the said Timothy entered the service the third time in the year 1778 for nine months, was enlisted at said Chelmsford under one Lieut Hartshorn and marched to Fort Constitution near West Point, and remained in the service until he was discharged on account of his sickness—but the time of his discharge and the time hw served under this engagement she is unable to state – and that from the best of her knowledge and information—She believes the said Timothy served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War between fourteen and sixteen months.

That she has no documentary evidence, but she has been informed that the said Timothy Adam's name can be found among the Army Rools [rolls]of the Revolution which she refers to as evidence of her claim.

She further declares that she was married to the said Timothy Adams on the eighteenth day of September in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty one, that her husband, the aforesaid Timothy Adams died on the sixty day of May in the year eighteen hundred and twenty four; and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz at the time above stated. (Signed) Joanna Adams

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before Joseph Locke, Justice of the Police, Court of Lowell.