

Pension Application for Alpheus Alden

W.20594 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married December 27, 1791. Alpheus died March 3, 1820.

There appears to be no deposition by Alpheus in the folder.

Boston, October 5th 1844.

I Mary Conning of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and Common wealth of Massachusetts, aged seventy five years; being sworn & do on oath testify and say that I am the daughter and one of the children of Simeon & Mary Alden late of Abington County of Plymouth and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; both deceased.

And I do further testify and say that at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, myself together with my late Fathers family were living in said Town of Abington; and that during the continuance of said War, my two brothers-Simeon & Alpheus Alden performed duty as soldiers in the American Army. My said Brother Alpheus served one tour of military duty under a Captain Bickwell but for what length of time I cannot remember; said Alpheus performed one other tour of military duty on the Castle in the Harbour of Boston under a Captain Burbeck, towards the close of the war, but for what length of time, I cannot now remember.

Said Alpheus & Simeon Alden were my eldest Brothers—said Simeon was the eldest of the tow. He drew a small pension from the United States before his death—as one of the Plymouth County Pensioners. My late brother said Apheus [Alpheus] Alden soon after the termination of the Revolutionary War, came and resided in this City of Boston, where he contracted and acquaintance with a young woman by the name of Elizabeth Smith, whom we usually called Betsey Smith—to whom he was lawfully married, after their marriage said Alpheus & Elizabeth continued to live together as man & wife, and in process of time became the parents of several children, some of whom are resident of this city—one son Simeon Alden resides in Baltimore Maryland. My said Brother the said Alpheus Alden died in the month of march 1820 & left said Elizabeth Alden his widow who is still living and has not married since the death of Alpheus Alden, her late husband aforesaid. (Signed) mary Conning.

Witness Benj. H. Currier