

Pension Application for Barnabas Alden

W.23433 (Widow: Mehitable) Married November 28, 1782. He died April 1, 1830.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7 July 1838 entitled an "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

State of Massachusetts

County of Franklin SS.

On this thirteenth Day of February AD 1839 the Hon. Richard E. Newcomb Judge of the Court of Probate in & for s'd County Mrs. Metitable Alden a resident of Whateley in s'd County of Franklin at her residence aforesaid she being unable to appear in Court by reason of bodily infirmity, aged seventy three 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 Act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838 entitled "an Act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows".

That she is the widow of Barnabas Alden who was a private in the War of the Revolution and was draughted into the service of the United States at Ashfield in s'd County for the term of two months and marched from s'd Ashfield under the command of Lieut Zebulon Bryant to Ticonderoga & then joined the Company of Capt Childs & Regt of Col'n Wells and was at Ticonderoga when it was captured by the British & served out full two months his term of service commencing in early summer & Spring of the (1777) year seventeen hundred & seventy seven, she thinks his term of service commenced the seventh day of May in that year; that he also in the latter part of August in the year seventeen hundred & seventy nine enlisted at s'd Ashfield into a company commanded [by] Capt. Dinsmore in Col Porters Regt for the term of one month as a private in the war of the Revolution & marched to New London in Conn & served out his time; and also that in the latter part of the summer in the year seventeen hundred eighty (1780) he again enlisted into the service of the United States for the term of three months in the Comp'y of Capt Newton in Solo Seth Murray's Regt and marched to Westpoint Westpoint [sic] and was there detached to go on to the lines (as I have heard him say) and he did not return to Ashfield till early in the winter of said year 1780.

That she has no documentary evidence of his service as aforesaid for he died too early to become a pensioner of the United States under the Act of Congress now existing and she is informed that the Roll List of Massachusetts soldiers in the Revolutionary Army and now with the War Department at Washington.

She further declares that she was married to the said Barnabas Alden on the 28th twenty eight day of of [sic] November (1782) Seventeen hundred and eighty two at Ashfield aforesaid by Rev. Nehemiah Porter; that her husband, the aforesaid Barnabas Alden died on the first day of April AD 1830. 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 in the year seventeen hundred & ninety four viz, at the time above stated and that she has not been married since the death of said Barnabas Alden & that her maiden name was Gould. (Signed) Mehitabel Alden.

Subscribed and sworn to on the day and year above written before me. R.E.
Newcomb. Judge of Probate.