

Pension Application for John Babbit or Babbitt

W.4633 (Widow: Sylvia) Married June 30, 1791 in Shandeean, [Shandaken?] NY. John died at New Port Kentucky in the year 1817.

Declaration of Sylvia Babbit widow of John Babbit who wishes to obtain a pension under the law of 7th of July 1838.

State of Ohio, Fairfield County SS

On this 5th day of May AD 1846, personally appeared before me Gideon Martin one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [sic] in and for said County, Sylvia Babbit a resident of the State of Ohio in the County aforesaid aged seventy years past 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 persons to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Babbit, who was a musician in the 1st New York Regiment in the War of the Revolution, that he lived in the State of New York at the time he entered the service. That he entered the service sometime in the year 1776 and continued in the service until the close of the war. She further declares that she was married to the said John Babbit on the 30th day of June 1791 at a village called Shandeean [Shandaken?] in the State of New York. That her husband the aforesaid John Babbit died at New Port Kentucky sometime in the year 1718. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 (viz) as the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Sylvia Babbit

Witness John C. Rainey.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Gideon Martin, Associate Judge.

State of Ohio

Fairfield County SS.

Before me L.W. Babbit a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Jeremiah Byard who being duly sworn deposes and saith that he first became acquainted with John Babbit some time in the fall of the year 1790 in the town of Hurley, Ulster County in the State of New York. That about the last day of June the following year said John Babbit was married to this affiant's sister Sylvania Baird at a place called Little Shandacan [Shandaken?] in Ulster County [sic] New York, this affiant further says that he himself brought the Justice who married them to this affiant's father's Gideon Baird and that the Justice's name was Elias Hosbrook who married them that this affiant was present when said Babbit and his sister Sylvania Baird were married: that at the time this affiant first became acquainted with said John Babbit he understood from him and others that he was a fifer in the Revolutionary War and this affiant says that he has many times afterwards heard said Babbit play the fife. That he understood at that time that said Babbit had got land from the State of New York for his services in said war and that he also inherited several hundred acres of land from his father Reuben Babbit who was also a Revolutionary Soldier. That after said John Babbit & his sister Sylvania were married they lived with her father Gideon Baird for some time like a year. They then moved to the East Branch of the Delaware River. After remaining there some time they moved to Goshen in Orange County. After living at Goshen near a year they moved back to the east Branch of the Delaware and from there by removed to the Township of Cato on the land which said Babbit had inherited from his father Reuben Babbit. This affiant states that he was at said Babbit's house while he lived at Cato and that he understood from Babbit himself and others that the land he lived upon he had inherited from his father Reuben Babbit and that Reuben Babbit had said the same from his services in the Revolutionary War. This affiant further states that he has seen said John Babbit's discharge which he rec'd when he left the army of this he has a very distinct recollection as Babbit had married into the family he took some pride in showing his discharge to the different members of the family.

This affiant further states that to the best of his recollection previous to Babbit's and his wife leaving her fathers, their first child Betsy was born if she was now living she would be something like fifty five years of age he is enabled to recollect this from the fact that his own daughter Rebecca who was about the age of Betsy Babbit is now fifty four years old past. Betsy Babbit was born sometime in the year 1792 & his daughter Rebecca Barid was born in 1793.

That affiant further states that he saw Babbit and his wife frequently from the time he first became acquainted with Babbit in the year 1790 up to 1811 when this affiant removed from the State of New York to the State of Pennsylvania and that he has never seen said Babbit since that time and that he never saw Sylvia Babbit wife of the said John Babbit from 1811 till the year 1838 a short time after this affiant had removed to the State of Ohio. That the said Sylvia Babbit now lives in Fairfield County Ohio, that she is the same person who was married to John Babbit in the year 1790 in Shindacan [Shandaken?] in the State of New York and that he has no doubt but that said John Babbit was a fifer in the War of the Revolution and that he was the son of Reuben Babbit who was also a Revolutionary Soldier and that they both received land for their services from the State of New York and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Jeremiah Beard

Sworn and subscribed this 16th day of June 1846. S. W. Babbit, J. Peace.