

Pension Application for Obadiah Badger

S.32687

I Obadiah Badger of Amesbury County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, testify & declare, that I enlisted in the army of the late Revolutionary War as an Armourer & Soldier January 1776 & served one year under Capt Eli Gale in Colonel Jonathan [Genevers?] Regiment of artificiers of the Massachusetts line & at the expiration of the year was discharged verbally by my commanding officer—and that now, being in advanced age (about eighty) & in reduced circumstances, stand in need of assistance from my country for support. (Signed) Obidah Badger.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Essex SS.

At the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the Middle circuit, begun and holden at Salem, within and for the County of Essex, on the third Monday of June, A.D. 1820.

Present, Hon. Samuel Dana, Chief Justice.

Hon. William Wetmore, and

Hon. Stephen Minot, Associate Justices.

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, Obadiah Badger resident in said Circuit, who is named in Pension Certificate No. 2645 now in his possession, of which the following is a true Copy, to wit,

“War Department. . . Revolutionary Claim.

“I certify that, in conformity with the Law of the United States, of the 18th March, 1818, Obadiah Badger late a private in the Army of the Revolution, is inscribed on the Pension List, Roll of the Massachusetts Agency, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the 1st day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen. J. C. Calhoun, Secretary of War”, 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,

1 low case of drawers 75c 1 table 24c - - - \$1.00

3 chairs 12 c, Iron hollow war 75 c - - - - .87

Shovel & tongs 25 c, crockery ware 30 c - - - - .55

Total \$2.42

I Obadiah Badger of Amesbury testify and say that I am a blacksmith by trade—that by reason of very advanced age (being now between eighty & ninety years old) I have for some time past been unable to labor – that my wife Mary Badger is also very aged and infirm and confined to the house a great part of the time by a bilious and rheumatic affection—that my daughter, Marian Badger, the only child usually residing with me, is about fifty years of age, a person naturally of small capacity, though industrious is scarcely able to support herself—that was it not for my revolutionary pension I must now be, as I heretofore have been entirely dependent on the said town of Amesbury for support.

And I do further heartily and sincerely testify and declare that I enlisted and served as a private in the army of the revolution as set forth in my declaration of April 1st 1818, now on file in the office of the war department at Washington. (Signed)
Obadiah Badger

Essex SS, July 10, 1820.1 Sworn to before me.

Stephen Minot

Judge of said Court.