

Pension Application for Moses Bartlett

W.24628 (Widow: Esther) Married: Moses Bartlett and Esther Beal, July 31, 1790. Moses died January 16, 1818.

On this 30th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, personally appeared Esther Bartlett a resident of Hanover, formerly a part of the Town of Bethel in Oxford County, State of Maine, aged Eighty four years on the 13th of Feby last—being duly sworn, doth upon oath make the following supplemental declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Acts of July 7th 1838, March 3d 1843 & June 17th 1844—

And this declarant states that, she was born & brought up in Newton, State of Massachusetts—and was acquainted with her late husband—Moses Bartlett from her youth, she knew him in the time of the Revolutionary War and knows that he belonged to Newton at that time, and was the son of Ebenezer Bartlett and had brothers by the name of Jonathan, Thadeus & Eisha—Elisha was in the service in the Revolutionary War, I do know also, that my husband Moses Bartlett was in; the service in various campaigns in and about Boston and Cambridge—I have heard him say that he was one of the soldiers who acted as a guard while the army [of] Burgoyne was in Cambridge.

I have heard my husband state fact [sic]—that while he was a soldier in Cambridge, that a Brittish [British] officer took a girl into a Chaise to carry her to Boston and in attempting to run by one of the guards without give the countersign was shot by him”. She says that the soldier who shot the officer was a resident of Needham—and her husband has told her that the soldier was discharged and a substitute taken in his place for fear that he would be assassinated.

“I recollect Peter Durell, Jonathan Hammons & Philip Hide, who were residents of Newton in the time of the war & who were in the service—Jonathan Hammons was one of five young men who went into the service and drew each a suit of uniform”—“I knew Amos Jackson & Joseph Jackson Nathaniel Parkes & Thomas Hill who belong’d to Newton and went into the service. Hill was a weaver by trade & was an English man—or Irishman by birth, I believe Hill was said to have been a soldier in the Brittish Army but had left them and refused to return. Hill marked a Jackson girl of Newton”, I have heard my husband say that he was a sergeant in the army while at Cambridge”, I was well acquainted with my husband while he was a soldier in Cambridge and kenw that he was in the service there”, “My husband left Newton soon after the close of the war and first married Esther Barber who was a native of Falmouth Maine. But a resident of Gray in that state at the time he married her, after the death of the first wife, he came to Newton, and I was married to him there in August 1791.” As I have stated in my foregoing declaration and have proved it. I have seen my husband as he passed and repass’d my fathers house at the time he was a soldier in Cambridge, The distance from the camp to Newton was about five or six miles and the soldiers in that vicinity were frequently permitted [permitted] to be absent for a few house. (Signed with her mark) Esther Bartlett

Witness Cyrus Bartlett, Beulah B. Roberts. Signed and sworn before me on the day and year first above written. Joseph H. Wardwell, Justice of the Peace.

New York service: Guard of Burgoyne's troops in Capt A. Pierce's Company, Col. Brooks
Regt commencing January 1778 and served about 4 weeks.
June 1848 deposition by Esther.