

Pension Application for Edmund Hawley

W.17981 (Widow: Lucy) Edmund and Lucy married in the Parish of Ripton, Town of Stratford by Rev'd David Ely December 27, 1781. He died suddenly by a fit on the twenty first day of March 1810.

State of Connecticut

County of Fairfield SS.

Bridgeport.

On this 27 day of July AD 1840, personally appeared before the Court of Probate for District of Bridgeport in said County & State Lucy Hawley a resident of Stratford in said County aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 intituled [entitled] an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Edmond Hawley dec'd who according to her best knowledge and belief was a private soldier in the Army of the Revolutionary War and who commanded service in said War in 1776 in the City of New York and continued his service at various periods as [?] in the Depositions of Nathaniel Sherman dec'd Thomas Beardslee & the Muster Roll of Capt. Elnathan Nicholas Col., hereto annexed to which she respectfully refers for the time of said Service for the officers under whom her husband served &c hereby stating that the first two months service mentioned by said Nathaniel Sherman in New York under Capt. Samuel Blackman was in a company of Infantry raised for the defense of New York in the Parish of New Stratford in the Town of Stratford in said Fairfield County, who commanded said Company that [?] soon after this campaign was appointed to the command of a company of Connecticut Light Horse which was the same company mentioned in the Pay Abstract as Capt Elnathan Nichols which was the same company mentioned in the Pay Abstract as Capt Elnathan Nicholas Company hereto annexed, that her husband serviced 2 months, in Capt. Samuel Blackman's Company of Infantry & 4 months in said Capt. Blackman's Company of Light Horse also for the term of time that may be gathered from said Pay abstract under Capt. Elnathan Nicholas and for any explanation of Nathaniel Sherman's Deposition she refers to the Declaration of said Sherman & also his deposition accompanying the Declaration of the Widow Abiah Lewis of Con. both of which have been pensioned for a part or all of the same service as claimed by said Lucy Hawley also she refers to the Comptrollers Certificates, accompanying their papers as they contain all that can be found at Hartford to establish said claim that she has no other Documentary evidence than what is annexed to this declaration to prove his services & the reason that she has not pressed her claim for a pension at an earlier date is that she has not been able to find persons living by which to prove her said husbands serving until recently, which with the proof she now exhibits and what may be found accompanying the Pensions Papers of Nathaniel Sherman & Abiah Lewis of Con. Before mentioned she hopes will be satisfactory.

She further declares that she was married to the said Edmond Hawley in the Parish of Ripton in the Town of Stratford afforesaid [aforesaid] by the Revd David Ely on the twenty seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty one (1781).

That her husband the afforesaid Edmond Hawley died suddenly by a fit on the twenty first day of March in the year eighteen hundred & ten.

That she was not married to him previous or prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen and ninety four, viz at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Lucy Hawley

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Isaac Sherman, Judge of said Court. Attest Philo Hurd Clerk