Pension Application for William Hunt

W.8221 (Widow: Nicena-nee Boorne) Married In Richmond N.H. March 25, 1813. William died January 1833.

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On this sixth day of April 1818 before the subscriber Judge of Rutland County Court personally appeared William Hunt aged sixty two years resident in Wells, county as aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law did on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War.

That he the said William Hunt enlisted in the summer of AD 1775 into the co. commanded by Capt. Graham Col. Courtland's Reg. New York line for the term of one year & served till the end of his enlistment &c then enlisted into the company commanded by Capt. Haller in the Reg & line as [?] during the war and served till the peace and conflict commutation thereof at which time he was discharged from the service and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declares before me the day & year as above. Amos Thompson Judge of Rutland County.

Letter in folder dated January 21, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of William Hunt and Thomas Ward, both pensioners of Vermont.

The data given herein regarding these pensioners are found in the papers on file in claims for pension, based upon service in the Revolutionary War.

WILLIAM HUNT-W.8221. (By Mrs. Finch)

William Hunt enlisted, place not stated, in the summer of 1775, served as private in captain Graham's Company, Colonel VanCortland's New York regiment, length of service one year; he then enlisted in 1776, served as private in Captain Hallett's company, Colonel Van Cortland's New York regiment, his service terminating at the close of the war.

William Hunt was allowed pension on his application executed April 6, 1818, at which time he was aged sixty-two years and a resident of Wells, Rutland County, Vermont. The place of his birth and names of his parents are not shown. He died November 15, 1832, or in January 1833, in Richmond, Cheshire County, New Hampshire.

William Hunt married March 25, 1813, in Richmond, New Hampshire, Nicena Boorne, or Bowen (shown under various spellings). He was then of Keene, New Hampshire, and she of said Richmond.

Nicena Hunt, soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed March 1, 1853, then aged about sixty-seven years and a resident of Wallingford, Rutland County, Vermont. In 1855, she was a resident of Swanzey, Cheshire County, New Hampshire. She died November 1, 1857.

William Hunt and his wife, Nicena, had one child, William B. Hunt, who died while young.

In 1855, Betsey Willard, aged sixty-four years, and Manning Hunt, aged sixty-six years, both residents of Swanzey, New Hampshire, were the only surviving children and sole heirs at law of William Hunt, the soldier; the name of their mother is not given.

In 1850, Mrs. Catharine Boorn, was aged seventy-nine years and a resident of Wallingford, Vermont; Mrs. Polley Sweetland was aged seventy-eight years and her husband, William Sweetland, was aged eighty-two years, and residents of Wallingford, Vermont; Amos Bourn was aged seventy-nine years and a resident of said Wallingford; Lydia Whipple, the sister of Nicena Hunt, soldier's widow, was a resident of Fitzwilliam, Cheshire County, New Hampshire; and Mannen Hunt, Laura Cory, and Olive Whipple, all eight of whom stated that they were present at the marriage of William Hunt and Nicena Born. One Uberto Bowen was Justice of the Peace for Cheshire County, New Hampshire, in 1853 and in 1855, one Caroline T. (or S.) Hunt was a resident of Swanzey, New Hampshire; no relationship of any of those persons to the family is shown, except the sister, Lydia Whipple.