

**Pension Application for Stephen Osborn**

W.17416 (Widow: Grizzle) Married December 17, 1778. Stephen died October 28, 1822. Served in a company belonging to Capt. Eliphalet Thorps, Militia Company. Served in and at the City of New York.

State of Connecticut

District of Fairfield SS

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February AD 1837 before a Court of Probate held at Fairfield in and for the District of Fairfield in said Date of Connecticut and now sitting personally appeared Grizzle Osborn of said Fairfield in said District and State afors'd aged Eighty five years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of Stephen Osborn formerly of Fairfield in s'd District and State now deceased, and that she and the s'd Stephen Osborn were legally married on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December AD 1778 by the Rev. Andrew Elliot—then the Pastor of the first Congregational Church of Fairfield. That she and her s'd husband at that time lived in s'd Fairfield and continued to live in the same place till his decease and that she has lived in the same place ever since—That the s'd Stephen Osborn died at S'd Fairfield on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1822 and that she has remained his widow ever since that period.

And the Declarant further says that previous to her marriage with the s'd Stephen Osborn she recollects of his being absent in terms of service to the City of New York and she believes elsewhere, but she don't know the particular times nor how long—nor under whom he served but she confidently believes he was in service as afors'd during the years 1776 & 1777. That her recollections are aided by the fact that they were then neighbors and well acquainted with each other and distantly related—and the Declarant further says that after her s'd marriage with the s'd Stephen she has recollections of his service in s'd war be being a member of and belonging to a militia company in s'd Fairfield—That he was out occasionally during times of alarms and that she distinctly recollects the time and said Fairfield was burned by the British in 1779 and that he the s'd Stephen Osborn was in service in guarding s'd coast not less than three months and she should say for a much longer time but that from her great age and loss of memory she cannot recollect nor describe his services, nor has she any documentary evidence in her possession or written discharge of his serviced nor any other evidence that she knows of except what is hereunto attached and that he always served as a private. (Signed) Stephen Osborn.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year afors'd before Thomas Robinson Judge of Probate for the District of Fairfield.