

Pension Application for John Abbott or Abbot

W.4110 (Widow: Rachel) Married April 3, 1803. John died April 16, 1824.

B.L.Wt.26744-160-55 and B.L.Wt.34974-160-55

State of Massachusetts

Lincoln County SS

To the Hon. Josiah Stebbins one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas (called the second eastern district) which is a Court of Record in the State of Massachusetts.

The Declaration under Oath of John Abbot formerly a Private Soldier engaged in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, now a Citizen of the United States and resident of the town of Boothbay County of Lincoln and State of Massachusetts, respectfully sheweth,

That the said John Abbot enlisted into Capt John Lunes Company, Colonel Vernhams Regiment and Gen Nixon's Brigade, in the month of March 1776 for one year and continued to serve in the same company and Regiment until March 1777 at which time he was honorably Discharged at Peekskill in the State of ;New York and lost said Discharge on his return home form the Army, and has never since been able to find it.

And the declaration further sheweth, that the said John Abbot is now a citizen of the United States, resides in the town of Boothbay county of Lincoln and State of Massachusetts, and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support.

He is Fifty eight years of age, was at the Battle at Harlem Heights and at White Plains.

Therefore the said John Abbot conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," approved 18th March, 1818, and requests your Honor will examine into the truth of the matter foresaid, certify and transmit the testimony in the case, and the proceedings had thereon, to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of war, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law in such case made and provided. (Signed with his mark) John Abbot

Sworn and subscribed before me this 25th day of Apl 1818, Josiah Stebbins a Judge of the CCC R 2d EC

State of Maine

County of Sagadahoe SS

On this fourth day of April AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and State aforesaid, Rachel Abbot a resident of the City of Bath in the State of Maine, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she was the lawful wife of one John Abbot a revolutionary pensioner of the United States in his life time and that the said John Abbott died at Boothbay on the 16th of April A.D. 1824 and sometime afterwards

she the said Rachel Abbott was as she supposed at the time married to one John Livermore as he called his name then who was a stranger in the place a roving sailor and she was informed afterwards that he went by the name of Spear before he came to Boothbay, and that he told her that he was not married to her by his right name that he had been a [??] and had changed his name several times. She supported him for something over six months when he informed her that he had a family in New York and soon after he left her and she has not seen him since nor heard of him for twenty six years past. She and her neighbors considered the said marriage with the said John Livermore illegal believing that he used a fictitious name when married to her, and she has ever since gone by the name of widow Abbot.

She further declares that she applied for a pension under the Act of February 3d 1853 and obtained a pension certificate No. 2415 as the widow of John Abbott which she thought she had a right to do, but as doubts have arisen whether she is entitled to [?] said pension on account of said last marriage, which she considers illegal and valid, and if considered legal his never having provided any thing for her, and being absent from her twenty six or seven years and not doubt is now dead, he was some four years older than herself, under these circumstances she makes this declaration for the consideration of the Honl Commissioner of pensions and prays that she may have her said pension continued to her as the widow of the said John Abbott and is now a widow by law. (Signed) Rachel Abbott.

James Potter Justice of the Peace.