

Pension Application for Thomas Adams

W.15515 (Widow: Esther) Thomas died Nov. 24, 1823.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Middlesex SS.

On this eleventh day of February eighteen hundred and forty five, personally appeared in open court at a Court of Probate Holden in Concord, in said County of Middlesex, Asa Pl Adams a resident of Carlisle in said County, Sixty years of age, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration was well for himself as for Isaac M.W. Adams & Mary Adams, his Brother and Sister being all and the only children of Esther Adams, at the time of her decease, which Declaration is made in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July seventh A.D. 1838 Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That his mother the aforesaid Esther Adams was at the time of her decease entitled as he verily believes to a pension for the service of her husband Thomas Adams, in the service of his country in the War of the Revolution, and according to the best information he is able to obtain the said Thomas Adams was in the Lexington & Concord alarm and from that time continued in the service through the year 1775.

That he was at Cambridge and was in the engagement on Bunker Hill or in the immediate vicinity at that time. That he was in a company commanded by Captain Walker in the Regiment of Colo Bridge, making a period of near nine months, it is his impression that the said Thomas Adams was in the service at Ticonderoga & West Point, three or four months which he is not able at this time to prove, and at the time he engaged in the service he resided in Chalmersford in said County of Middlesex, an adjoining town to WestPoint & Carlisle aforesaid.

He further declares that his mother the aforesaid Esther Adams was married to the aforesaid Thomas Adams, on the fifteenth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one, by the Reverend Matthew Scribner, Pastor of the first Church and society in Westford in said County of Middlesex.

That her husband the said Thomas Adams died in that year eighteen hundred and twenty three. That she was not married to him prior to his leaveing [leaving] the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz, at the time above stated. (Signed) Asa P. Adams.

Subscribed & sworn to by said Asa P. Adams, known tome as a credible person in open court, on the day & year first above written. S. P. P. Fay. J. Prob for S'd County of Middlesex.