

Pension Application for Benjamin Aldrich

R.12086 (Sibbel, Widow)

Letter in folder dated July 7, 1916, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter dated the twenty-sixth ultimo, you are advised that the papers in claim R. File No. 12,086, Rev. War, show that one Benjamin Aldrich, of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, enlisted July 13, 1780, and served in Captain Isaac Pope's company of the Massachusetts Militia, five months and three days, and was at West Point during Arnold's treason.

Obed Aldrich, born March 8, 1794, son of Benjamin Aldrich, applied for pension which might have been due his father on account of the above service, on March 20, 1862, while a resident of North Dansville, Livingston County, New York.

The claim for pension was never allowed, for the reason that, as the soldier died in 1829, he could not have been entitled to pension under the Act of June 7, 1832, which provided for not less than six months service in the militia.

Benjamin Aldrich married August 17, 1783, Sibbel Morly; he died March 16, 1829, aged seventy years, one month and four days, and was buried in Hall burying ground at Marion, adjoining Walworth, Wayne County, New York, and she died March 24, 1845.

It is stated that their eldest son (name not given) who died in the War of 1812, married Sarah ----, who was the wife of Reuben Finley in 1759.