

### **Pension Application for Jason Allen**

W.22960 (Former Widow: Martha Doane) Married March 4, 1773. Jason died September 15, 1777.

Declaration, In order to obtain the benefit of the third Section of the Act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836.

State of Massachusetts SS

On this fourth day of May 1837, personally appeared before the Honorable Ira Barton, Judge of the Court of Probate for the County of Worcester, Martha Doane, a resident of Spencer, in the County of Worcester, and State of Massachusetts, aged eighty eight years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of Jason Allen who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, she further declares that she wa married to the said Jason Allen on the fourth day of March, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy three – that he husband, the aforesaid Jason Allen, died sometime in the latter part of the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven; that she remained his widow till January sixth, in the year eighteen hundred, when she was married to Capt Elisha Doane of Brookfield, in said County; then they removed to Spencer aforesaid, where they remained living together, till the thirteenth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and ten, when the said Elisha Doane died; and that she has remained a widow ever since that periods, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

The said Martha Doane further states, that her maiden name was Martha Johnson, of Sturbridge, that she lived with the said Jason Allen from the time of their said marriage, till the commencement of the Revolutionary War—when the said Jason enlisted for eight months, and went to Roxbury, in Captain Jonathan Danforth's Company Colonel Whitcomb's Regiment, and served out his term of eight months, and then enlisted for one year; and in April 1776, the said Jason sent for her the said Martha—and she went to him, at Boston, and stayed with him four or five months, till he marched to Tyconderoga [Tyconderoga] – the said Jason served his full time out, in the army, and then came home to Brookfield, stayed a short time, and then engaged for the town of Western (now Warren) for twenty pounds bounty and enlisted into the Continental Army for three years, or during the war, but the company or regiment she is unable to state, or the names of the Captain or Colonel, in which, or under whom, (but she thinks it was Col. Nixon's Regiment)—as she has lost her letters received from him whilst in said service, and knows of no other evidence which she can obtain concerning said service—he stayed in the army till the latter part of the year 1777, when the news came to her, that he was dead; that some time after his death the town of Western paid her the twenty pounds bounty, for her said husband's service in the war.

She further states, that Asa Humphrey who married her sister, was with the said Jason Allen in the same Company and Regiment for the eight months and the year's service, and went to Tyconderoga with the said Jason, and was for a number of

years a pensioner under the United States Laws, on account of said services, as she has been informed and verily believes—under the act of March 1818—

And she the said Martha respectfully refers the War Department to the accompanying documents, in proof of the statements herein made by her, as she has no other evidence in her possession, nor at her command; in corroboration of her said Declaration, the precise time of the death of the said Jason Allen she does not recollect and cannot state in any more particular manner than as above. (Signed with mark) Martha Doane

Signed in present of M. Jennison

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. J. M. Barton, Judge of Probate for said Worcester County.