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State of Michigan,

Wayne County, ss. On this Fifteenth day of November A.D. 1855. before me a Notary Public in and for said County and State personally appeared Mary Babcock widow of James Babcock the identical person who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and who made the annexed declaration previous to his death relative to his services in said War; that this deponent's maiden name was Mary McWilliams and that she will be Seventy Four or Seventy Five years of age in January next; that she was married to the said James Babcock in the month of March about Fifty-Seven years since, that their oldest child Polly was born about one year after said marriage and if she had lived would have been about Fifty-Five years of age; that deponent and said James Babcock were married in the town of Bethlehem, County of Albany and State of New York by Domine Van Houser a Presbyterian Clergyman or Minister of the Gospel; that there is no Public or Private Record of the said marriage to the knowledge of this deponent; that this deponent and the said James Babcock lived together as husband and wife until the day of his death which was on the First day of May Eighteen Hundred and Fifty-Two; that said Babcock died in the Township of Oxford, Kent County, Upper Canada and that deponent now resides at that place; that deponent and said James Babcock are the parents of ten children; that said James Babcock was Eighty Nine years of age on the Eleventh day of April A.D. 1852.; That she makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining Pension to which James Babcock was entitled during his life and to which she as his widow is entitled under the several acts of Congress granting pensions to Soldiers of the Revolutionary War and their Widows and she annexes the above declaration of the said James Babcock and praze that the same may be made a part of this declaration,

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this
15th day of November A.D. 1855. and I do
certify that I have no interest in the result of
this claim nor concerned in its prosecution.

A. T. Campall
Notary Public Wayne Co. Mich

her
Mary X Babcock
mark

Thomas H Hartwell is hereby appointed my Attorney to obtain the Pension and receive the Pension Certificate which may be awarded me as widow of James Babcock deceased.

Witness
William Babcock

her
Mary X Babcock
mark

State of Michigan

County of Wayne ss. I, E Hawley Jr Clerk of the said County of Wayne Do Hereby Certify that A. T. Campall Esquire whose name is subscribed with jurat of the foregoing Declaration or affidavit was at the date thereof a Notary Public in & for said County duly commissioned & qualified & authorized by the laws of said State to administer oaths and _____ affidavits. And I further certify that I am well acquainted with the hand writing of said Notary & verily believe said Signature to be true & genuine - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & have hereto set affixed the Seal of the said County at the City of Detroit this 15th day of November A.D. 1855

E Hawley Jr
Clerk

Province of Canada

County of Kent _____. On this thirteenth day of June AD 1851. personally appeared before me a Judge of the County Court in and for said County James J Babcock a resident of the Township of Oxford in said County of Kent in the said province of Canada aged about Eighty Six years (he has no record and cannot state positively) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as follows. that at the commencement of the Revolutionary war he resided in Warwick in the State of New York. that in the year 1776 he resided with a man by the name of Philip Burroughs who was a hard Master and that he was illy treated and misused. that in the spring of that year, he went a short distance from home & while on the highway a Gentleman who said his name was Captain Boyd enquired of him the cause of his grief. that he related his condition. that his Father was in the army & that he did not know what to do. Captain Boyd offered to take him into service and protect him. and he the deponent, without the knowledge of his Master went with Captain Boyd to Fort Lee on the Hudson River, and was delivered to Colonel Jamison or Jemison, who offered to take care of him. that he soon afterwards enlisted for during the war, as a Drummer. that he had there practiced and learned to drum. that one object of enlisting was to get rid of service to his Master whom he had good reason to dislike. that he served under many Officers but cannot remember their names or the periods of time or dates with any degree of certainty. The deponent was in the Battle at White plains when the American Army retreated from Long Island and New York. the deponent thinks he was there in Capt Boyds Company under Colonel Jemison. that he served also in Captain Wisner's Company in Colonel Wisners Regiment. that he was at West point at the time Genl. Andre was taken and saw him executed. that he was also at the Battle of Monmouth, and was wounded in the ancle severing the tendons of the front of the instep. I served as drummer until peace was made, and was honorably discharged on the Hudson River near Peekskill but cannot state the date of the discharge which was in the family a long time but has been lost. That he marched through New Jersey was on the Delaware, and in an expedition against the indians, in which they had a Battle & suffered severely, more than half were killed and missing. that he was stationed on and near the Hudson River the principal part of the time. My memory is much impaired by age, and I only recollect

such facts & incidents that made a durable impression & which I well remember. My Father was an Officer & was killed while in the Service. I think I was about Eighteen years of age, when the war closed and I was discharged. I knew many Officers of the Army, but their names are gone from my recollection. I remember General Washington well and recollect how he looked. also shall never forget the appearance of Major Andre at the execution, but cannot bring to my recollections but little of the ordinary service and I do not know to what State Colonel Jemison belonged.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State of the United States.

Sworn and Subscribed the day and

year first above written, Before me

Wm. Benjn. Wells

Judge County of Kent, Canada West

James J. Babcock

I hereby certify that the foregoing declaration has been read to the above deponent, that I have questioned him particularly in relation to the Service, his enlistment & discharge, and from such examination and the statements made by him, believe he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war and that he served as stated by him. also that from the infirmities of age he is not able to attend court.

Wm. Benjn. Wells

Judge County of Kent, Can. West

Province of Canada

to Wit Be it Remembered that on the thirteenth day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one: William Benjamin Wells, Esquire, Judge of the County Court in and for the County of Kent, in the province of Canada, hath received the foregoing Declaration of James J. Babcock a resident of the township of Oxford in the said county of Kent, and after having administered the required oath and caused the same to be signed by the said James J. Babcock did sign himself as Judge of the said County court: Also that he the said Judge did give and sign the foregoing certificate and receive the annexed affidavit of Amos Wade a Clergyman and Hiram Adair residing in Oxford in the said County of Kent, and that the three Signatures of the said Judge to the said three Documents are each genuine, and that the said William Benjamin Wells Esquire is the actual Judge of the said County Court in and for the said County of Kent, in the said province of Canada, and holds Her Majesty's Commission therefore. Given under Seal at Chatham the nineteenth day of June A.D. 1851. In Testimonium Veritatis

_____ Lacroix

Clk Co. Ct. Kent C. W.

Province of Canada

County of Kent We Amos Wade - a clergyman and Hiram Adair - residing in Oxford in said County hereby certify that we are well acquainted with James J. Babcock who has Subscribed and sworn to the foregoing Declaration that we believe him to be Eighty five or Eighty six years of Age. that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a Revolutionary Soldier, and that we concur in that opinion. We have been informed and believe that he emigrated to the province of Canada from the State of New York.

Sworn and Subscribed this 13th

day of June 1851 Before me

Wm. Benjn. Wells

Judge of County of Kent, Can. West

Amos Wade

Hiram Adair

NONSELECTED RECORDS

Detroit Nov 19 1853

Hon. J. Minot
Comm Pensions

Sir,

Enclosed please Mary Babcock's application & proof for Revolutionary pension.

Yours very Respectfully

Thos. H. Hartwell

Detroit April 3d 1856

Hon. J. Minot

Sir

Enclosed I send you a statement made by A.W. Lee Examining Clerk in the Comptrollers Office N.Y. respecting the service of James J. Babcock or James Babcock (I believe that I have been informed he was in the habit of writing his name both ways) and would like to learn your opinion whether it is sufficient to establish said Babcock's services before going any farther. The prosecution of these Rev'y Claims is very expensive and generally fruitless (to the extent of my experience) and before going farther if you can consistently inform me whether the enclosed when properly authenticated will answer to establish said Babcock's services I will be greatly obliged to you.

This is the Babcock concerning whose claim you wrote Dec 7th 1855

I am Very Respectfully Your Obed't Serv't
Thos. H. Hartwell

Detroit April 25 1859

Hon Geo. C. Whiting
Commr of Pensions

Sir - In Nov or Decr 1855 - I forwarded the application of Mary Babcock widow of James J. Babcock for a pension for services of her husband in the Revolutionary War. He served under Col Jemison and Capt Boyd in New York - as drummer & private. was wounded in the ankle at Battle of Monmouth, N.J. I do not remember to have recd a reply showing your action in this case. or if I did it is mislaid - The applicant now desires to know the result of the application & what further proof if any is desired. Please advise me soon.

Yours Respectfully
Thos. H. Hartwell