

## Pension Application for John Babcock

W.20684 (Widow: Sarah)  
State of New York  
Orange County  
Court of Common Pleas SS.

On the fifth day of December 1826, personally appeared in open court (being a court of Record by the laws of said state. John Babcock a resident of said county aged sixty eight years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, and the first of May 1820. That the said John Babcock enlisted at a place called Masanikers in the now town of Hampstead in the County of Rockland in said State in a company commanded by Capt. Prentice Bowen in Col'n Wisenfields Regiment for nine months in the Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War, about the first of March 1782, that he served in said company the full time of nine months, when he was discharged at a place called Tappan Town in the Town of Orange in said County of Rockland, sometime in the month of December and near Christmas [Christmas] day, which discharge he is not able to say what is become of. That during said term he was stationed at different places from Stony Point to Bergen Point on the west shore of the Hudson River, and often had to contend with the enemy that he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that the reason he did not apply sooner for a pension is that he did some two or three years ago make application to a person who promised him to attend to it but was led to believe that he never attended to it, and in pursuance to the Act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of and act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval services in the United States, in the Revolutionary War", passed on the eighteenth day of march, 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts of debts due me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

And I do further declare under the oath aforesaid that there has no changes taken place in my property since the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, except by the ravages of time, that I never owned any real estate, and that my person[al] property consists of two cows, three knives and forks, three chairs, one pot, one tea kettle, one kittle, one spider, one griddle, four cups and saucers, one tea pot, two old axes, one bread tray, one pair of tongues [tongs], one pair and irons [andirons], one flat iron, one candlestick, three pails, two boles [bowls], on tub, 2 tea spoons, one church and a table, three table spoons, one pig, that his family consists of himself and an aged and infirm wife, that he is by occupation a Colyard, but he is now so disabled by a continual pressure of his water, that he is scarcely able to do any labour.

Sworn to and declared on the fifth day of Dec'r 1826 before me Asa Dunnine, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in & for Orange County