

Pension Application for Rufus Bacon

W.20673 (Widow: Eleanor) Rufus died September 23, 1820.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of July 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

State of Massachusetts

County of Worcester SS.

On this thirteenth day of August in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty eight, Eleanor Bacon, a resident of Spencer in the County of Worcester, aged seventy three 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 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows", that she is the widow of Rufus Bacon, who was a fifer or Drummer at several periods of service in the war of the Revolution, amounting in the whole to sixteen months, as follows, viz.

In the year 1775, he served eight months as a fifer, in Capt. William Campbell's company of militia, and in Col. Ebenezer Lamb's Regiment having enlisted from Charlton, Mass, sometime in the month of April of that year, said company being stationed at Roxbury, Mass., near to Boston, as detailed in the affidavits of Jason Collar and Timothy Sparhawk, hereunto annexed also, in the year 1776, he served one and one half months, or six weeks, in the company commanded by Capt Abijah Lamb, and Col [blank] regiment, being stationed at Providence, Rhode Island, doing duty as a fifer, as detailed in the affidavit of Nehemiah Stone hereunto annexed. Also, in the year 1777, he served three and a half months in Capt. Abijah Lamb's Company of Militia [militia] as a Drummer of Fifer in the Regiment commanded by Col. Job Cushing, being at Saratoga at the surrender of Burgoyne, and at other places, as detailed in the affidavits of Timothy Sparham and Nehemiah Stone hereunto annexed. Also in the year 1781, he served three months, as a fifer, in the company commanded by Capt Reuben Davis and in the Regiment commanded by Col. Luke Drury, was stationed at West Point N. York, as detailed in the affidavit of Phinehas Jones, hereunto annexed, and in all these services, the said Rufus Bacon at the several times of his enlistments, was a resident in said town of Charlton, but there are no documentary evidence to support or prove the above detailed services in possession of said claimant.

She further declares that she was married to the said Rufus Bacon on the seventeenth day of April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty two, as stated in the affidavit of Julius E. Tucker, clerk of said town of Charlton, hereto annexed; that her husband the aforesaid Rufus Bacon died on the twenty third day of September in the year, Eighteen hundred and twenty, as stated by the affidavit of James Sprague; that she was not married to him prior to his 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, and that she has never been married to any other person, but that she still remains his widow. (Signed) Eleanor Bacon

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before J.M. Baton, Judge of the Court of Probate &c, County of Worcester

