

Pension Application for Simeon Bacon

R.359 (Widow: Easter) Simeon died November 1, 1778.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Secretary's Office Dec'r 14th 1857.

I hereby certify that from an examination of the Books and Documents relating to Military Services in the War of the Revolution, which remain in this Department it appears that the name of Simeon Bacon is borne on the pay roll of Capt. Elijah Dwight's Comp. for billeting money to and from head-quarters 150 miles from Ware, as private. Roll not dated but paid by Col. Lovell and Maj. Bliss, Court Committee. While amount of said Roll £ 41.0.10. Also on payroll of Capt. John Thompson's Comp, Col. Leonard's Regt from May 7th 1777, 2 mos. 10 days, as private from Ware.

Also the following petition, viz.

"Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To the Honorable the Senate & Hon. House of Representatives in General Court assembled Sept 1st 1783.

The petition of Easter Bacon, of Ware, in the County of Hampshire, Widow and relief of Simeon Bacon late of Ware, deceased, humbly shewith.

That the said Simeon, husband of your petitioner insited [enlisted] in the service of the United Sates in May 1777 and marched to Ticonderoga under the command of Capt. John Thompson, and served there two months, and until the Army of the United States evacuated said Fort, and the British Army took possession of the Fort, and on the retreat of our Army, your petitioner's husband being in the rear was unfortunately taken prisoner by the enemy and carried to Canada and was there prisoner sixteen months, was then exchanged and on his way home to this place through many hardships he had undergone during the time he was a prisoner was taken sick and dcied at Boston, on the first of November 1778.

Your petitioner being very poor and left with a large family of Small children and no ways able to support them without great difficulty. And where as your petitioner has received no consideration for her late husbands time, whilst in captivity, she therefore prays your Honors to take her distressed state and condition into your wise consideration and relieve your petitioner in such way as your Honors shall think proper. As in duty bound shall ever pray.

Ware, Sept 2, 1783. (Signed with her mark) Easter Bacon

Also the following affidavit from Capt John Thompson. Viz.

This may certify to all whom it may concern.

That Simeon Bacon sent of the Town of Ware and County of Hampshire, and State of Massachusetts Bay, served in my company at Ticonderoga, and in the retreat, he being in the rear guard was taken at Hubardstown in the battle that was fought on Monday morning and carried to Canada, and continued in captivity sixteen months and on his returned died at Boston.

Pelleam, May 2, 1781, [?] John Thompson, Capt N.B. the time that the service was done in my company was in the months of May and June in the year 1777.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed the Seal of the Commonwealth the date above written.

Francis De Witt, Secretary of the Commonwealth.