

Pension Application for Reuben Baldwin

W.23523 (Widow: Sarah Farmer Baldwin) Married November 13, 1787. Reuben died May 13, 1807.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Suffolk SS.

On this seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred & thirty eight personally appeared before the Honorable Judge of the Police Court within & for the City of Boston in said County, Sarah Baldwin a resident of Boston in the County of Suffolk aged seventy one 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 & pensions to certain widows", that she is the widow of Reuben Baldwin, who was a private soldier, during the Revolutionary War;--

That in the year 1777 he enlisted at Billerica to go to the North to defend our northern frontiers, was at the taking of Genl Burgoyne: served at this time four and a half months, was a member of Capt. Stephen Russell's company, Col Bullard's Regiment.

That he again enlisted at said Billerica in the year 1778 for the term of eight months to go [to] the South and served the said term of eight months as a private in Capt. Hints company.

She further declares that she was married to the said Reuben Baldwin on the thirteenth day of November in the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty seven.—

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January Seventeen hundred & Ninety four—viz— at the time above stated—(Signed) Sarah Baldwin.

Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day and year above written, before me, the subscriber, Judge of the Court aforesaid. Wm. Simmons.