

## **Pension Application for Frederick Ballard**

S.37565

County of Strafford SS

On this 2d day of August 1825 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, in open ;court, being a court of Record for the State of New Hampshire, in Session within and for said county of Strafford.

Frederick Ballard resident in said County aged Sixty two years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, that he the said Frederick Ballard enlisted for the term of nine months the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1778 in the State of Massachusetts in the company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Farnum in the Regiment commanded by Colo Tupper General Patterson's Brigade in the line of the State of Massachusetts on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the middle of March 1779 when he was discharged from the service at West Point in the State of New York—

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to pension, except the present—that his name is not on the pension roll of any State; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension—

That I have heretofore been enabled to support myself without any assistance and was in hopes to have so continued, but being very much embarrassed in my concerns, and in doing them, I find myself destitute of property; and old age in infirmities are fast advancing upon me, and having no other resource I am obliged to apply to my country for assistance.

And in pursuance of the act of 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 an Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

Three kitchen chairs—one Iron Pot—one Iron Kettle, Tea Kettle (broken) one old pine table. (Signed) Frederick Ballard,

That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property.

A right to redeem 50 acres of land with an oldhouse & barn thereon, which property was mortgaged to Putman Ingalls of Andover for \$100—which property I sold to Sherebiah Ballard for the purpose of paying the aforesaid mortgage & other debts I then owed, he sold the property for 400\$ & in addition to paying the mortgage, he payed [paid] debts that I then owed—as follows—to Stephen Mathes 30\$ (Chester Hayes 26\$ Dow Thos Lindsey 76\$--and Execution against me in favour of Noah Barker for 16\$ to Col Levi Jones 157\$ there seems as near as I can now recollect; not having

kept any memorandum of payments, it is impossible for me to state positively but from the best of my recollection. I had at that time one horse & one Cow which have been sold, the proceeds expended for the support of my family.

My occupation is a hatter—and on account of infirmities not able to labour but little by reason of a rupture. My wife is aged 49 years—does not enjoy very good health—and I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my Country. (Signed) Frederick Ballard. Sworn in open Court. A. Pierce, Clerk