

Pension Application for Moses Ballard

W.6074 (Former Widow: Ruth Slate)

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Due to the great demand for Revolutionary War data and the limited clerical force available for furnishing such information, it has not been possible; to make a series of investigations and reports for one person or organization. The record of Moses Ballard and Jacob Tillotson are furnished herein. [Document in file does not contain the information on Jacob Tillotson.]

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The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.6074, based upon the military service in that war of Moses Ballard.

Moses Ballard was born April 11, 1756, in Montague, Massachusetts. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing at his father's home in said Montague, Moses Ballard volunteered about June 1, 1775, and served two month at Boston under Colonels Doolittle and Holden in the Massachusetts Troops: he volunteered about May 1, 1776, served in Captain Timothy Childs' Massachusetts Company, marched to Ticonderoga and remained there until November following when he was discharged: he volunteered again about May 1, 1777, served in Captain Harvey's Massachusetts Company, marched to Bennington, Vermont, thence to Scenesborough; returned to Bennington in charge of some sick soldiers and hearing the cannonading at Saratoga, left immediately for that place and was present when Burgoyne surrendered, after which he marched to White Plains, at which place he became lame and about the middle of November, 1777, was granted a furlough and did not again enter the army.

After the Revolution, Moses Ballard remained in Montague, Massachusetts, for about two years; lived in Gill, Massachusetts; moved to Greenfield, Massachusetts, land lived for nearly thirty years; then moved to Smyrna, Chenango County, New York.

Pension was allowed on his application executed October 9, 1832, while he was residing in Smyrna, New York.

The soldier married February 18, 1795, in Gill, Massachusetts, Ruth Morley or Moreley. Both were then of Gill, Massachusetts. He died at Smyrna, New York, April 4, 1833, and his widow, Ruth, married February 21, 1837, Bethuel Slate of Gill, Massachusetts, who died at said Gill, January 22, 1848, aged seventy-one years.

Ruth Slate was allowed pension on account of the services of her former husband, Moses Ballard, on her application executed May 19, 1851, at which time she was aged seventy-four years and resided in Will County, Illinois. In 1855, she was living in Maine, Cook County, Illinois.

She died February 18, 1859, place not shown, the date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not stated.

It was stated that Moses Ballard and his wife, Ruth, reared a family of children; only two names are designated, as follows:

Moses Russell Ballard. . . born October 27, 1801.

Luther Western Ballard. . . born October 3, 1804.

The above dates of birth were recorded on;he records of the town clerk of Gill, Massachusetts.

In 1855, Luther W. Ballard and Rachel Ballard were living in Cook County, Illinois. Relationship of Rachel to the family was not shown. In 1851, one Alvah Ballard lived in Gill, Massachusetts; and in 1859, one H. C. Ballard, Esquire, was a resident of Chicago; no relationship of Alvah or H.C. Ballard to the family was shown. In 1832, Patty Carrier, sister of the soldier, Moses Ballard, lived in Columbus Chenango County, New York. The name of her husband was not given.