

Pension Application for Jonathan Ball

W.16820 (Widow: Abihail Childs Ball) Married September 12, 1780. He died September 25, 1829.

State of Newhampshire [New Hampshire]
Hillsborough County SS.

On this twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen and thirty eight, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas, holden at Amherst, within and for the County of Hillsborough aforesaid, Abihail Ball a resident of Milford in said County aged seventy five 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 an act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:"—

That she is the widow of Jonathan Ball late of said Milford deceased, who was a private in the army of the Revolution; and that according to the best of her knowledge and belief, he, the said Jonathan Ball on the first day of April in the year seventeen hundred and seventy five enlisted at Concord, in the State of Massachusetts as a volunteer, for the term of eight months, in the company commanded by Captain Abishar Brown in the Regiment under the command of Col. Nixon—that he marched thence to Cambridge, Mass, and there, served out the full term for which he enlisted—

And that after the expiration of said eight months, he again enlisted as a volunteer for the additional term of one month and served out said month at Cambridge aforesaid.

That afterward the first of July A.D. seventeen hundred and seventy six he again entered the service of the country as a volunteer, in the company commanded by Capt. Charles Miles and continued in the service at Ticonderoga, til the sixteenth day of November in the same years when he was legally discharged he served under General Gates, in Caol. Jona Meeds Regiment, in Genl Brickett's brigade during said last term of four and a half months, and that he was at the several times when he entered the service, a resident of Concord in the State of Massachusetts.

That he knows of no documentary evidence of her husband's services; but that from his oft repeted [repeated] statements and other sources, she fully believes that he served in the war of the revolution as above stated; not less in the whole, than thirteen and a half months.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jonathan Ball on the twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty:--that her husband the aforesaid Jonathan Ball died on the twenty fifth day of September; in the year eighteen hundred and twenty nine at said Milford—and that she has remained a widow ever since that period.

That she was not married to him, prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz:--at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Abihail Ball

Sworn and subscribed on; the day and year above written before the Justices of said Court of Common Pleas in open Court. Witness, Leonard Wilcox, Presiding Justice of said Court.