

Pension Application for Worth Bates

Widow: 14235 (Widow: Hannah) Married 1781, died 1805.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol [Bristol] SS.

On this Eighteenth day of February in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before Oliver Prescott Judge of the Court of Probate in and for the County of Bristol and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hannah Bates, a resident of New Bedford in said County of Bristol aged Eighty 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 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows".

That she is the widow of Worth Bates late of the said New Bedford deceased, who was a private soldier in the war of the Revolution; that her husband the said Worth Bates served a year and more at West-Point in the state of New York in the early part of the war, but she is unable to say in whose company or Regiment and she has no proof of this service except such as may be found on the rolls in the Department.

She further says that her said husband again enlisted and served at the Fort in Fairhaven, then New Bedford in the State of Massachusetts, this was in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy Eight; at this time he served nine months under the Command of Timothy Ingraham of New Bedford; for proof she refers to the annexed deposition of Joseph Bennett, and to said Bennetts declaration on file, he being a pensioner under the act of June 1832 and also to the Rolls.

She further says that her husband the said Worth Bates, was again in the service of his country, guarding the coast in the State of Rhodeisland that he enlisted and served at this time for the term of three months in the Company commanded by Captain George Claggon of New Bedford, Colonel Clapp's Regiment of Rochester, for proof of this service she refers to the annexed deposition of Jabez Hathaway & also to the Rolls.

She further declares that she was married to the said Worth Bates on the first day of January in the year seventeen Hundred and eighty one, that her husband the aforesaid Worth Bates died on or about the Seventieth day of April in the year Eighteen Hundred and five on his passage from the West Indies; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service; but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time aforesaid.
(Signed with her mark) Hannah Bates

Witness James Bates.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Oliver Prescott