

Pension Application for John Batts

W.14233 (Widow: Rebecca) Married May 10, 1778. John died July 1821.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of July 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of August 1838, personally appeared before the Court of Probate for s'd County Rebecca Baths a resident of Sangus in the County of Essex aforesaid aged Eighty two 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 and pensions to certain Widows:

That she is the widow of John Batts, who was a Lieutenant in the Army of the Revolution and served therein according to the best of her knowledge and belief for the term of nine or ten months.—as follows—viz,

In the year 1776—the early part thereof the said Battts enlisted as Lieutenant in a company raised in the County of Essex to go to Ticonderoga—and went off with said Company in the service and did not return for three months --. That to her certain knowledge he inlisted for three months. In what Company or Regiment, the Declarant does not recollect and knows of no person now living who served in the same Company—old Mr. Martin of Lynn, now deceased went to Ticonderoga in the same Company and the said John Batts when living used often wo speak of him and of their having been to Ticonderoga in the Revolutionary War—and of his returning home through Worcester— & of their passing through the woods with the Invalid's.

In the fall of 1777, he inlisted again as Lieutenant in Capt Miles Greenwood's Company in Col. Jacob Sernigh's Regiment and went to Winter Hill and served there as Lieutenant, till late in the Spring of 1778—

To the best of her knowledge recollection and belief he was absent from home from September or October 1777 till April 1778.

The said Batts was residing in Lynn, in that part thereof now called Sangers when he entered the Revolutionary Service,—and continued afterwards to reside there till the time of his decease.

That she has no documentary evidence touching service all his papers having been lost or destroyed.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Batts in the month of May (1778) seventeen hundred seventy eight.

That he husband the aforesaid John Batts died on the ___day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty one. 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) Rebekah Batts