

Pension Application for Caleb Beals

W.14277 (Widow: Sally) Married March 5, 1786. He died January 1817.

State of Massachusetts

County of Hampshire SS

On this third day of July A.D. eighteen hundred and fifty five, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Probate with in and for the County aforesaid, Jacob Beals, aged seventy-two years a resident of the town of Northhampson, in said County and State who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the Pension which may appear to be due to Sarah, other wise called Sally Beals, late of the town of Plainfield, in said County deceased, as the widow of his father, Caleb Beals, also late of said town of Plainfield, deceased, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; the said pension being claimed under the act of Congress, approved July 7, 1838, and other acts, supplementary and succeeding thereto;

That the said Caleb Beals became a private soldier of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the month of April A.D. 1775, and that he was actively engaged as a soldier in the Revolutionary Army at Sunday times, till the summer of 1780; that the evidence of his said service is contained in the military rolls of the Revolutionary War, in the archives of the State of Massachusetts, an official copy of which, under the signature and seal of the Secretary of said State, is hereto annexed, and in the deposition of Comfort Beals, a brother of the said Caleb Beals and other documents, which are also hereto annexed. And said deponent further says that his said father, Caleb Beals, who in the identical Caleb Beals, named in the said copy of military rolls as a soldier of the Revolutionary War, lived in said town of Plainfield for the space of about forty years, and that he died in said town in the month of January A.D. 1817, aged sixty three years.

And said deponent further says, that as he is credibly informed and believes, the said Caleb Beals, his father, was legally married in the town of Abington, in the County of Plymouth, and State aforesaid, to Anna Whiton, his mother, A.D. 1782; and that she died A.D. 1785 or 1786;--that said Caleb Beals, in A.D. 1786 was again legally married for said town of Abington to Sarah or Sally Shaw; that said Caleb and Sarah or Sally lived together in the relation of husband and wife for more than thirty years, and until the time of his death as aforesaid; that the said Sarah or Sally remained the widow of said Caleb Beals until the time of his death as aforesaid; that the said Sarah or Sally remained the widow of said Caleb Beals until the time of her death, which occurred in said town of Plainfield on the sixteenth day of February A.D. 1849, at the age of ninety years; and that said Sarah or Sally Beals has never received any pension as the widow of said Caleb Beals, and so far as he knows or believes, she has never applied for any. And said deponent further says that he is himself the only surviving child of said Caleb Beals by his first wife, Anna, aforesaid, and that Nancy Beals, aged sixty nine years, and Betsey Hamlen, the wife of Ira Hamlen, aged about sixty years, both of said Plainfield, are the only surviving children of said Caleb Beals by his second wife, Sarah or Sally Beals, his said widow. And said deponent therefore prays that said children

may be allowed and paid the amount of pension money to which their said mother would have been entitled, if still living.

And said deponent further says that his father, Caleb, aforesaid, in the early part of his life wrote his name Beal, but that in the latter part of his life he wrote his name Beals.

And said Jacob Beals, in behalf of himself and his said sisters, does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to any pension or annuity on account of the said Caleb Beals, their father, or of his said widow, Sarah or Sally Beals, their mother, except the present. (Signed) Jacob Beals.