

Pension Application for Elijah Bailey

W.16823 (Susannah Barton, Former Widow) Married March 20 1779. Elijah died March 9, 1825.

State of New York

Essex County SS.

On the 14th day of September AD 1844 before me Jonathan Bennett one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the County of Essex aforesaid Susanna Barton a resident of [?] in the County of Essex and State of New York aforesaid aged eighty four years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836, Section 3d and an attachment the Acts of July 1836, and 1838 allowing pensions to certain persons passed August 25th 1842.

That she was formerly the widow of Elijah Bailey who was a soldier in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War that previous to her marriage with the said Elijah Bailey her name was Susannah Litchfield that she lived at in [sic] Chesterfield in the State of Massachusetts nearly one year previous to her marriage to the said Elijah Bailey that her residence previous thereto was at Situate in the State of Massachusetts.

She further answers that after her marriage to the said Elijah Bailey some time in the winter before April AD 1781, her husband the afors'd Elijah Bailey enlisted into the service of the United States for the term of three years and left his home in Chesterfield afors'd to serve the Army in April 1781. The day of the month she does not now recollect. Six months he served the army or was first stationed at West Point, and there he continued in the Service of the United States as a private soldier from the time of his leaving home to join the Army in April 1781, until October AD 1783 and did not return home to Chesterfield as afors'd during said service nor did she see him; during said Term, that when he returned home he hayeth with him an honorable discharge which she supposes to be in the pension office at Washington, she thinks he sent it to the pension office at the time he present his pension for his services as a soldier as aforesaid under the act of March AD 1818 and that under said Act on the 6th day of October AD 1818. There was granted him a pension of Eight Dollars per month commencing on the 11th day of April AD 1818 and which certificate of his pension granted him has been in her possession ever since his decease which certificate is herewith annexed and also the [?] letter from L.E. Deson Commission of pension of his being entered on the pension list.

She further declares that she was married to the said Elijah Bailey on the 20th day of March in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and seventy nine at Chesterfield in Massachusetts aforesaid by the Reverend Mr. Mills the minister of the Gospel in said Chesterfield and that previous to her marriage agreeable to the marriage and Laws of Massachusetts that for and the said Elijah Bailey's intention of marriage was on the 11th day of January AD 1779 duly published by will more fully appear by the Records of the Town of Chesterfield a copy of which is hereto annexed under the hand of the Town

Clerk of said Chesterfield that she has not been able to procure a Record of marriage from the Town of Chesterfield. That she has not been able to procure a Record of marriage from the Town of Chesterfield or the Church Records of Chesterfield and as will appear by the Town Clerks Certificate of Chesterfield she has hereto for the same and as appears that there were no record of marriages either in the church or Town between 1779 & 1780.

She further declares that he husband the said Elijah Bailey kept a record in his family Bible in which he Record his marriage to her the said Suseen Bailey and also the births of their children born with them during their intermarriage and that during said intermarriage there was born with them ten children: namely Justus and Sophia born in Chesterfield, Elijah, Joshua, Susanna and Betsey in Shoreham, Ira, Miranda, Lucy in Ticonderoga, and one in Hague who died in February.

And she further declares that the Record was made in the hand writing of the said Elijah Bailey soon after the birth of each child which Bible was used also as a school book by the children of the said Elijah Bailey and Susan Bailey and was burnt up both Bible and Record in the Schoolhouse at the time said school house was burned in Hague in the State of New York in the year 1805 or in 1806 and that since which time the said Elijah Bailey kept no family Record and she further declares that she and the said Elijah Bailey cohabited by then from the time of their intermarriage until his decease on the 9th day of March AD 1825, at Hague in the County of Warren and State of New York.

She further declares that after their intermarriage they resided in Chesterfield about eight or nine years and then moved to [Starham?] Vermont and from thence to Ticonderoga N.Y. about the year 1797 and that in 1803 moved to Hague aforesaid and there resided with the said Elijah Bailey until his decease as aforesaid.

And she further declares that at the decease of the said Elijah Bailey on the 16th June AD 1828 she was married to Timothy S. Barton of Bolton in the state of New York by the Rev. William Garnet, minister of the gospel to which place she has resided since until nearly [?] that she now resides at Ticonderoga aforesaid and she further declares that the said Timothy S. Barton died on the 30th day of June 1844 and that she now remains a widow and has ever since the decease of the said Timothy S. Barton.

That the certificate of her marriage to the said Timothy S. Barton by the Rev. William [Grent?] under his signature is herewith annexed.

She further declares that the said Timothy S. Barton her said husband was also a pensioner of the United States and drew about Seventy Dollars per annum.

She hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and declares that her name is not on the pension List Roll of the agency of any state.

(Signed with her mark) Susanah Barton

Sworn and Subscribed to the day and year above written before me. M. Bennett
Judge of Essex County Courts.