

## **Pension Application for Josiah Baldwin**

D.39180

State of Vermont

County of [Buttercross?] SS

On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1829 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the county of Rutland aforesaid Josiah Baldwin of Benson resident in said county aged Eighty six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 181 and the first of May 1820; that he the said Josiah Baldwin enlisted for the term of nine months in the month of May AD 1778 in the State of Massachusetts and was marched to Fishkill in the State of New Yorker [sic] in June following and was there attached to the Artificers in the company commanded by Capt Bruen in the Regiment command by Col. Harese in the line of the State of Massachusetts on the continental establishment that he continued to serve in said corps until the term of his enlistment expired in the month of March 1779, when he was discharged from the service at Fishkill in the State of New Yorkder, that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present; that he name is not on the pension roll of any State and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension.

Soon after the passage of the act of 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, he made application to the war department for a pension, which was rejected as he supposes for the want of more evidence of his service, that he was then and has ever continued to be extremely poor and destitute of all property that he has three sons, and four daughters who have all large families but they are poor and have been wholly unable to afford him any assistance, in procuring the necessary for the purpose of obtaining a pension and he has been lame and decrepit in consequence of Rheumatism for twenty years past and has been unable to go to Massachusetts to enquire for evidence until Novr last when Joseph Gibbs (with whom he has lived about six months last past and whose wife named Betsey is his grandchild) carried him to Massachusetts and assisted him in obtaining the affidavits of James Coolidge, William Whitney Esqrs., Samuel Stone, Susannah Coree and Levi Graves of whose knowledge of his service, he knew nothing until he went to Massachusetts in Novr last.

These with his extreme age (86) are the reasons for his not before applying of a pension, and in pursuance of the act of the first May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, land that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed wiz. One bed-sted, one Iron pot, one dish kettle and one spider.

My occupation was until I was Eighty years of age, that of Carpenter and since in making splint brooms, I have done very little at that, and in fact in consequence of my age and infirmities, I am unable to labour. The names of the family with whom I reside, are Joseph Gibbs, aged forty one, Betsey Gibbs aged forty, Joseph Gibbs aged fifteen years, Edwin Gibbs age thirteen years, Jane Gibbs aged nine years, and Betsey C. Gibbs aged four years, which family are no more than able to support themselves, the said Betsey is my grand-child, and I have no other dependence for support, than on the charity of said family. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> March 181, the following changes have been made in my property viz, none according to my recollection. (Signed) Josiah Baldwin

Sworn and declared before said court on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1829. R. Pierpoint, Clk