

Pension Application for Caleb Beals

W.14293 (Widow: Dorothy) Married January 8, 1784. Caleb died August 28, 1822.

State of Massachusetts

Franklin County SS

On this thirteenth day of March 1840 personally appeared before the Hon. Richard E. Newcomb Judge of the Court of Probate within & for said County of Franklin, Dorothy Beals, sometimes called Dolly Beals, a resident of Conway in the County of Franklin aforesaid aged seventy five years, who being 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 pension to certain widows,"

That she is the widow of Caleb Beals deceased who was a private in the Army of the Revolution; that her said husband served according to her best knowledge and belief as herein after stated, to wit, that she has always understood, her said husband served in the Revolutionary war nine or ten months in the year seventeen hundred & seventy five also that her said husband served in the year 1776 – three or more months, also that he served in the year 1777 one or more months. That she can not state the particulars of his said husbands services nor the officers under whom he served, that she has heard her said husband frequently in his life time, speak of his revolutionary services, but that she is unable to recall to her mind the particulars of his services as stated by him—that according to her best knowledge and recollections her said husband served the nine months in 1775 at Boston Massachusetts service its vicinity, and the remainder of the service was performed at the North on the North River and at Ticonderoga.

That her said husband had his residence at Conway aforesaid when he performed the service as aforesaid. That she has understood her husband was a volunteer in some of the periods of his services, and at others an enlisted soldier.

That she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim, that her maiden names was Dorothy (sometimes called Dolly) Scott. That she refers to the Rolls now in the War office for further evidence of his services.

She further declares that she was married to the said Caleb Beals on the eight day of January in the year seventeen hundred and eighty four; that her husband, the aforesaid Caleb Beals died on the twenty eight day of August in the year eighteen hundred and twenty two. 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, to wit, at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written Before. (Signed Dorothy Beals) R. E. Newcomb, Judge of Probate.