

Pension Application for Thomas Fisher

W.21121 (Wife: Jane)
State of Massachusetts
County of Bristol SS.

Hannah Hathaway of Dighton in said County of Bristol Widow being seventy years old and upwards maketh oath and sayeth that some time in the winter or spring in the year of Seventeen hundred and eighty one Thomas Fisher and Jane Richmond (? free person of colour) were married in her fathers house in said Dighton, that she the said Hannah Hathaway was present at the time of the marriage but do not know any other person now living who was present that the marriage was solemnized by the Rev. John smith who was then a Regular ordained minister in the said Town of Dighton, that she is shure [sure] that the marriage took place in the year seven hundred and eighty one but is not shure whether it was in the last part of the winter of the fore part of Spring in said year. That soon after her marriage he the said Thomas Fisher enlisted as a soldier and marched to the State of New York. That he died in Taunton in said County in the autumn of Eighteen hundred and sixteen that she the said Fisher has remarried a widow ever since that period of time. Hannah Hathaway

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On this twenty ninth day of October eighteen hundred and thirty six personally appeared before the Supream [Supreme] Judicial Court holden in Taunton in and for the said County of Bristol, Jane Fisher (a coulored person) a resident in Taunton in the County of Bristol and state a Massachusetts aged seventy three years and upwards 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 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Thomas Fisher (a coulard person) late of said Taunton deceased who was a private in the army of the Revolution that according to the best of her recollection the said Thomas Fisher – Served as a militia man in a Campaign on Rhode Island and also in a campaign to White Plains before he enlisted in the Continental Service that she believes he enlisted in the Continental Service in the forepart of April seventeen hundred and eighty one but do not know what Captain he served under nor what Regiment he served in; that he served in the capacity of a waiter or Servenit [servant] to Hodijah Baylies who was then a Major in the army, until the Spring of Seventeen hundred and eighty three when the said Hodijah Baylies returned him the said Thomas Fisher to his regiment again; that he the said Thomas Fisher served in said regiment until the autumn of seventeen hundred and eighty three when he was discharged and returned home.

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Fisher on the eighth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one; that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Fisher died on the fifteenth day of October Eighteen hundred

and sixteen; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period; as will more fully appear by Reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Jane Fisher

Witness Jas Sprout. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before said Court. Jas Strout, clk.