

SERVICE

NUMBER

Mass

Underwood, Asa

H. 26611

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, to wit,

At the Court of
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On the application of *Abel Underwood*
Interrogatories were propounded to him to wit:

within and for the County of
day of

A. D. 183

claiming to be a Soldier of the Revolution, the following

1. Where, and in what year were you born?

Answer,

*I was born in Boston in Massachusetts in 1754
& lived there till I was nearly twenty years old*

2. Have you any record of your age, and where is it?

Answer,

*I have no record of my age, except in the old
family bible, which is now in my house*

3. Where were you living, when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Answer,

*I lived in Boston when I entered the Army, removed
to Dorchester, now called Tyngsborough soon after I left it
& resided there till 1808, when I sold my farm & removed to
Dorchester, all in the County of Middlesex*

4. Where were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer,

*I volunteered as a volunteer & then enlisted for
eight months*

5. State the names of some of the regular Officers, who were with the troops, where you served, such Continental, and Militia Regiments, as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer,

*I have stated the Officers of my Regiment, & could state
the Officers who were stationed at Cambridge at that time
but think unnecessary. The reason I was not in the battle of Bunker
Hill is that I was appointed an architect, soon after my enlistment
as a Lieutenant in the Army*

6. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution?

Answer,

*Col. James Varnum, who served during the war, John
Eggs, who taken the examination, & many others
Abel Underwood*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of *Middlesex*

ss.

On this

sixth

day of

September August 1832

personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas, ~~now sitting at~~ *in the Commonwealth*
within and for the County of *Middlesex*

alforesaid

Asa Underwood a resident of the town of *Dracont* *aged 70*
in said County

Who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of
the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named
officers, and served as herein stated. That is to say,

On the 19th of April 1775 on
the alarm of the battle of Lexington, he marched as a
volunteer, with his neighbors to Concord, where we had
a skirmish with the enemy, & pursued them to
Cambridge, I remained there a few weeks, when
I enlisted into the army as a private soldier for
the term of eight months in the company
of Capt. *John Parker*, & Col. *William Prescott*.
Regiment & served out the full term of my enlist-
ment, was paid & dismissed, but none of us re-
ceived a discharge. None of the officers under whom he served are
now living & he has no documentary evidence. He was a
resident in the town of *Groton* when he entered the army,
but soon after his discharge he settled in that part
of *Dorchester*, which is now called *Tyringborough* in
said County & in 1800 removed to the adjoining town
of *Dracont*. a near neighbor of *John Barnum* Esquire
a late member of Congress from Massachusetts, who
boarded in my family in 1792 & has been familiarly acquainted
with me since.

We Nathaniel Lawrence a Clergyman &
John Farnum Esquire both of the Town of Tyngs-
borough in the County of Middlesex & Common-
wealth of Massachusetts certify, that for 40 years
past we have been acquainted with Asa
Underwood now resident in Dracut in said
County, but for many years, ~~before~~
~~was~~ an inhabitant of T. Tyngsborough,
who signed the annexed Declaration, & that
we believe him to be seventy eight years of
age, that he is reputed & believed, in the Congrega-
tion where he has resided to have been a Soldier
in the Revolutionary War, & that we concur
in that opinion

Laminced.
John Farnwell

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex ss August 8th
1832 The above named
Nath^l. Lawrence & John Farnwell personally attested

before me and made oath to the truth of the
foregoing certificate by them subscribed. I also certify that
I have been personally acquainted with them for 40 years
& know them to be gentlemen of perfect integrity, high
respectability & entitled to full credit

John Varnum Justice of the Peace

I Daniel Nutting of Westford in said County of Middlesex, an Invalid
Pensioner testify, that I was a soldier on the Revolutionary war
& in addition to other service, I enlisted for eight years on the
in the Spring of 1775, in the Company of Capt. Ebenezer
Barnes & Col. Eben^{Pres.} ~~Partridge~~ & was stationed at Cambridge
in Massachusetts, that the Declaration of Dracut, who signed
the annexed Declaration, was there during that period.
But he was not in my Company or Regiment, I had
not much knowledge of him, but I have always
understood, & believe he secured out the term of his enlist-
ment.

Daniel Nutting by
John Varnum

Middlesex ss August 8th 1832 Commonwealth of Massachusetts
personally appeared before me and made oath to the truth of the above
affidavit subscribed by his oath. I also certify, that said Nutting is blind
& incapable of writing his name, but agrees to me to write it for
him, which was done in his presence & the presence of his family
& then read to him. I also certify, that he is entitled to full credit
John Varnum Justice of the Peace

I Nathl. Ingalls of Hudson in the State of
New Hampshire now in the Town of Tyeoga
County of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts
a Pensioner, on oath declare, that in 1775 I enlisted
into the Army of the United States for the
term of eight months under ⁱⁿ Capt. Ebenezer Boncroft's
company & Capt. Ebenezer Dodge's
Regiment at Cambridge in Massachusetts, that
the undersigned of Danvers who has signed the
annexed Declaration was a soldier in Capt. Oliver
Parker's company & Capt. John Danvers's Regiment
during the same period of eight months & I
think I served out the full term of his enlistment

Attest John Varnum

Nathl. Ingalls

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Middlesex ss. August 8th

1832 Personally appeared

before me, the above named Nathl. Ingalls and made
oath to the truth of the above affidavit by him sworn
I also certify, that his character for truth & veracity is
perfectly correct & he is entitled to full credit.

John Varnum Justice of the Peace

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex Co. I Elias Thurney Clerk of the Court
of Common Pleas for said County of Middlesex
do certify that John Varnum Esquire, is a Justice
of the Peace within and for said County, and
that I believe his name set to the foregoing cer-
tificate is his own proper signature.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the seal of
said Court, the thirtieth day of August 1882

E. Thurney.

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Asa Underwood

He relinquishes every claim, whatever it be a pension or annuity, whatever except, the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll, of the age of any State, subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Asa Underwood

Attest John Underwood

a Clergyman residing in the town of

in the county of

hereby certify that we are well acquainted with

who has subscribed and sworn to the above, and that we believe him to be years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood, where he resides, to have been a soldier in the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid,

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, that after the investigation of the matter, and putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them, that who has signed the preceding Certificates is a Clergyman resident in the

and is a credible person, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

Chas. Thimney Clerk of the Court of
Court of Common Pleas for the County of Middlesex
do hereby certify, that the foregoing contains, the original proceedings, of the said Court, in the matter of the application of *Asa Underwood* for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have unto set my hand and seal of office this *tenth* day of *September* in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty *two*

E. Thimney

And the said David Cummins does hereby declare his
opinion that after the investigation of the matter, and put-
ting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department,
that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary
Soldier, and served as he states. And the said David Cum-
mins further certifies, that it appears to him, that
H. Lounnie

who has signed the preceding Certificate is a Clergyman
resident in the town of Tyngsborough in said County and
John. Harwell of said Tyngsborough
and is a credible persons, and that their statement is en-
titled to credit. - And I further certify that the said
applicant is unable to appear in Court, by reason of bodily
infirmity -
H. Lounnie

6934
Massachusetts

Asa Underwood

of Dracut in the State of Mass.
who was a private in the company commanded
by Captain Perkins of the Regt. commanded
by Col Prescott in the Mass
line for 8 months

Indl.

Inscribed on the Roll of Massachusetts
at the rate of 26 Dollars - 66 Cents per annum,
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 9th day of March
1833 and sent to Hon
J. Nelson H. R.

Amount to 4th of March 1833 53.32

Semi-ant. allowance ending 4th of ~~March~~ 1833 7.33

\$66.65-

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

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Clerk,

Daniel Bay &

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Ara Underwood

Prach

8 Months

Ad

Mr J. Nelson

Prin

BRIEF in the case of *Isa Hinwood*
of *Exmouth* **in the State of** *Mass.*
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *a Judge*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity? *no*
3. How old is he? *72 years*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.		Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.	As a	Gen.	
In 1775 -		8		<i>Private</i>	<i>Capt</i>	<i>Parker and Parrott</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Concord -*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Exeter Mass.*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *By living witnesses*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?
Papers not authentic as signs?

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

Richard L. Cutler
 Examining Clerk.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Revolutionary Claim.

I certify that in conformity with the Law of the United States, of the 7th June, 1832, Asa Underwood of the State of Massachusetts who was a Private in the Army of the Revolution

is entitled to receive Twenty-six dollars and Sixty-six cents per annum, during his natural life, commencing on the 4th of March, 1831, and payable semi-annually, on the 4th of March, and 4th of September, in every year.

Given at the War Office of the United States, this Wint day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

John C. Calhoun

Secretary of War.

Examined and
Countersigned. }

J. Edwards

Asa Underwood

Payments to be made
at Boston Mass
by the Pres^t of N. B. Bank
Agent for paying Pensioners,
in the Agency of Massachusetts

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Clerk, in Book D Vol. 2
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Semi-ann. allowance ending 4th Sept 13.33

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{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

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Massachusetts

Mercy Underwood
widow of Asa

who served in the Revolutionary
war, as a private

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
26 Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on
the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the
27 day of Jan 1849
and sent to

Joel Adams
Lowell
May

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act
February 2, 1848, Page 169 Vol. 2.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

ORDER FOR PHOTOCOPIES
CONCERNING VETERAN

(See reverse for explanation)

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

RECEIPT NO.

97062

DATE

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SEARCHER

FILE DESIGNATION

Asa Underwood
W 26611

I Lendol Underwood of Dracut in the County
of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts
of Lawful age depose and say that I am a Son of
Asa Underwood formerly a Revolutionary ^{Soldier} and Pensioner and
husband of Mercy Underwood of said Dracut. That ~~say~~
Asa Underwood, my Father, died on the ~~fourth~~ third day
of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and
thirty four that I have always since that time lived in
the family of Mercy Underwood My Mother of said
Dracut, that she is still a Widow and has ^{not} been mar-
ried since the death of my Father and Asa
Lendol Underwood

Middlesex ss October 24. 1838

sworn to before me

Joseph W Mansur Justice of
Peace

V Mass. 3640

Mercy Underwood, ~~husb~~
widow of Asa.

Hon W. Pammenter 29 Dec '38

V 3640
Mury Underwood
wid. of R. S. W.
Mass.

Ad 7 July 1838

Married 1790
died 1834

Alma & Th. H. Perry

H. W. Parmenter
1802

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex Co. I Elias Thimney Clerk of the
Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, for the County of Middlesex
do certify that Joseph W. Mansue Esquire
is a Justice of the Peace within & for said
County, and that his name subscribed
to the within Certificate is his genuine sig-
nature.

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and
affixed the Seal of Said
Court the twenty seventh day
of October 1838.

E. Thimney

State of Massachusetts } Town Clerks Office
County of Middlesex } Town of Tyngsborough
October 23. 1838

In the registry of Marriages in the Town of Tyngsborough in the County of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, declared by Reverend Nathaniel Lawrence, Pastor of said Town, is the following entry, to wit:
"March the thirty first seventeen hundred and ninety, married Mr. Asa Underwood to Miss Mercy Durant both of Tyngsborough."

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the records with the exception of the date which is expressed on the records in fair legible figures as follows "March the 31st 1790"

Charles Butterfield { Clerk of the Town
of Tyngsborough

I Charles Butterfield abovenamed depose and say that I hold the office of Town Clerk of the Town of Tyngsborough in the County and State aforesaid, that the records of said town are in my possession now, and that the above is a true extract from the said records with the exception above mentioned as certified by me

Charles Butterfield

Middlesex Co. October 23rd 1838

Sworn to before me

Joseph W. Mansur Justice of Peace

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the seventh of July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows

State of Massachusetts }
County of Middlesex } p

On this twenty fourth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty eight: Mercy Underwood of Dracut in the County of Middlesex aged sixty six years personally appeared before the judge of the Police Court in Lowell in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" that she is the widow of Asa Underwood a private in the army of the revolution and pensioner and the same Asa Underwood named in the annexed certificate of the Secretary of War signed by Lewis Cass and certifying that said Asa was entitled to a pension of "twenty six dollars and sixty six cents per annum during his natural life commencing on the 4th of March 1831. which certificate is annexed to this declaration

she further declares that she was married to said Asa Underwood on the thirty first day of March in the year seventeen hundred and ninety, and that her husband the aforesaid Asa Underwood died on the third day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty four, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, to wit, at the time above stated, and that she has never been married since the death of said Asa her husband aforesaid.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year
above written before *MARY Underwood*
Joseph Locke Justice of the
Police Court of Lowell

I, Albert Locke Clerk of the Police
Court of Lowell in the county of Middlesex
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby
certify that Joseph Locke Esquire, ^{above named} is a jus-
tice of a court of record, and that his signature above
is his genuine signature. In witness where-
of I herunto put my name and the seal of said
Court this twenty fourth day of October in the year
of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty eight.
Albert Locke Clerk P.C.

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✓ Money Uncovered

Unlabeled

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of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and
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the family of Meroy ~~Underwood~~ My Mother of said
Dracut, that she is still a Widow and has been mar-
ried since the death of my Father ~~and~~ Asa
Lendol Underwood

Middlesex ss October 24. 1838

sworn to before me

Joseph W Mansur Justice of
Peace

Lowell Jan'y 4 1859

Dr Sir

I hasten to send the certificate
of Mrs ^{Underwoods} ~~Dunsmuir~~ Marriage. which was acciden-
tally omitted from the file of papers respecting
her claim - will you be so good as have it
placed with her other papers at the pension
office - With regard to Mrs Dunsmuir's claim
I do not know whether there is any proof
that can be obtained of the 12 months service
in 1776 or not. - I had supposed that the army
rolls would establish the claim. will you be
so good as enquire whether there would be
any objection to allowing the pension
according to the 8 months proved. provided
she should not establish the other part of
her claim

Very Respectfully
Yrs &c

W W Mansur

Hon Wm Parmenter

Washington Jan 9. 1859—

Sir

I enclose you the additional testimony in
the case of Mrs Underwood of County of Middlebury
Vermont - also a letter from J W Mason Esq
making some inquiry in relation to the case of Mrs
Dunn of same County & State - I ask the favor of a
reply to me on the subject - I am very respectfully

Yr Obedt Servt

J. R. Cameron

James L Edwards Esq

Clerk of Pension

From Parmenter

to Representative

Washington

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H. W. Parmenter
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Massachusetts
Mercy Underwood
widow of A. A. Underwood dec.
who was a pensioner under the Act of 1832
and who died on the 3^d October, 1834
of Middlesex, in the State of Ms
who was a Private in the Comp. commanded
by Captain Perkins of the Regt. commanded
by Col. Prescott in the War
line for 8 months

Inscribed on the Roll of Mass
at the rate of 26 Dollars 67 Cents per annum,
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 17th day of June
1839, and sent Yonk.
Parmenter Co of Regt.

Amount to the 4th of Sept 1838 \$66.67
Semi-annual allowance ending 4 Mar. 39, 1833

\$80.00

{ Act July 7, }
1838. }

Recorded by W. H. Addison Clerk,
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Massachusetts

Mercy Underwood
 widow of Asa Underwood
 who was a Private
 in the Revolution

Revised

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
 26 Dollars 67
 Cents per annum, to commence on
 the 4th day of March, 1843.

Certificate of Pension issued the
 21st day of Decr. 1843
 and sent to

Josh Adams
 Nowell
 Mass

[Act of March 3, 1843.]

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Mercy Underwood

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex County, ss. On this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty three personally appeared before me Jael Adams of Lowell, a Justice of the Peace within and for said County of Middlesex in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Mersey Underwood, a resident of the town of Draught in said County of Middlesex, aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed on the 3^d of March, 1843, granting pensions to widows of persons, who served during the Revolutionary War. That she is the widow of Asa Underwood, who as a private rendered military service to the United States during the Revolutionary War, and died at said Draught in the year A.D. 1834. That she is the identical person, who by the name of Mersey Underwood made application for a pension under the late Act of Congress of July 7th. 1838, and transmitted to the United States Pension Department with her said Application, the requisite proofs of said Asa Underwood's military services, and also proofs of her lawful marriage to him the said Asa Underwood late husband, deceased. That she subsequently received a Certificate granting her a pension of twenty six dollars and sixty six cents per annum for a term of five years from March 4th 1836 to March 4th 1841. That she received the amount of said pension, and upon the receipt of the last payment thereof, she surrendered her said Certificate to the Agent for paying pensions in Boston in this State. That she has not intermarried since the death of said Asa and still continues his widow.

Mersey Underwood
Subscribed and sworn to

Before me Jael Adams, Just. Peace.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex County ss. Dated September 16th, 1843 -

I, Joel Adams, a Magistrate within and
for the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, do certify, that the within named
Henry Underwood is personally known to me
to be the same identical person, as represented
in his Declaration within written -

Joel Adams, Justice of the Peace

Lowell Sept: 18. 1843.

Dr. Sir.

I send the application of Mercy Underwood
of D. V. for a Pension, and take in her
behalf for a Certificate equal to her
Rights

Respectfully your Obedt Servt

Wm. L. 7 Wm.

Jacob Adams

Lowell

Lowell

Lowell

Underwood

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Secretary's Office, Boston September 18th 1873

I hereby Certify, That at the date of the
annual attestation Joel Adams was a
Justice of the Peace for the County of
Middlesex,

in the said Commonwealth, duly constituted and commissioned;
and that to his acts and attestations, as such, full faith and
credit are and ought to be given, in and out of Court.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed the
Seal of the Commonwealth, the date above written.

Geo. A. Butler

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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Sep. 21. 1843.

Mary Underwood
Oct 1843.

Map.

Washington City
\$26.67 for a

Printer's Department.

Hon. Secretary of War.
Joel Adams

Lowell

Map

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WIDOW, &c.

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Mercy Wenderwood

widow of

Asa Wenderwood

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

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- XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service? *ye*
- XII. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it?
- XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had?
- XIV. † If the applicant's name is not found on the rolls of military service, has he produced a witness or witnesses as to his service? *ye*
 If he has produced direct proof as to service, has the magistrate who administered the oath, certified to the credibility of the witness or witnesses? *ye*
 Has the proper officer certified to the official character and signature of the magistrate as the regulations direct? *ye*
- XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicant's service? *ye*
- XVI. ‡ Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct? *ye*
- XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? And, if not, which of them is not so answered?

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

- * QUERE V. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:
 "Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, depose and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; For _____ year _____ months, and _____ days, I served as a _____ For _____ months and _____ days, I served as a _____; and for such service I claim a pension.

It is important in all cases to determine with precision the period for which each applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months* is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable. Some persons who apply for pensions merely state they served two years in the militia, &c. without specifying the tours; the names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. This form of a declaration is highly objectionable. It must in every case be clearly shewn under what officers the applicant served; the duration of each term of engagement; the particular place or places where the service was performed; that the applicant served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison; and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

†**QUERE XIV.** *Proof of Service.*

In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses, who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimants entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the official character and signature of the magistrate must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

†**QUERE XVI.** *Mode of authenticating papers.*

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

☞ In every case where the clerk of the court, or other certifying officer, has no public seal of office, the certificate of a member of congress, proving the official character and signature of the certifying officer, should accompany the papers.

BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of
as a Woodward Levacut ellips **which require further proof or explanation.**

- I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides? *ye*
- II. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides? *ye*
- III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so?
- IV. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served? *ye*
- V. * Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled? *ye*
- VI. Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations? *ye*
- VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832? *ye*
- VIII. Has the Court given their opinion? *ye*
- IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate? *ye*
- X. Is the Clerk's seal affixed? And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal? *ye*

Mary Underwood

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Josh Adams
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DECLARATION

In order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress of 2d February, 1848, entitled, "An act making further provision for surviving Widows and Soldiers of the Revolution."

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, } ss.
Middlesex County,

On this *twenty ninth* day of *July* 1848, personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the county aforesaid,

a resident of *Mercy Underwood Dracht* in the county of *Middlesex aforesaid*
aged *Twenty seven* years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed on the 2d February, 1848, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war. That she is the widow of

Asa Underwood who was a resident of *Dracht*

and who was a *private*
in the *War of the Revolution*

and is the identical person who drew a pension under the Act of 17th June, 1844, on account of the Revolutionary service of her late husband aforesaid, at the rate of *twenty six* dollars and *sixty seven* cents per annum.

She further declares that she is still a widow.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day
and year above written,

Mercy Underwood
Before me,

In presence of

Levina Underwood

Joel Adams

Justice of the Peace.

I Certify, That the declarant is personally known to me, a widow and a pensioner, as she declares.

Joel Adams, Justice of the Peace.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, } ss.
County,

I, Clerk of the
Court, of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that
is a Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, duly
commissioned and qualified; and that his signature, above written, is genuine.

Given under my hand, and the Seal of said Court, this
day of 18

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Massachusetts

Mary Underwood
widow of Asa Underwood

who served in the Revolutionary
war, as a Private

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
26 Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on
the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the
29 day of July 1849
and sent to

Joel Adams
Lowell
Mass

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act
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