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Fairfield John  
Hannah

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669.  
List of Maine  
Massachusetts

John Fairfield,  
private,  
Massachusetts Line  
In the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War.

Inscribed on the Roll of D. etting  
at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 1818.

Certificate of Pension issued the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 1818.  
and sent to Daniel Seville Esquire  
Kennebunk, York Co. Maine.

Arrearages to 4<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1818  
4 27/30 mo. \$ 39. 20

{ Revolutionary claims, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1818, }

Three Years

Grundel, York Co.

Reliquation sent to  
Dan. Small. Esq

Dan. Sewall. Esq

12 Oct. 1820. Kermadec

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Al. Har. Th. Kaufm. 30. Sept. '37

Reception sent to  
Rev. Gerrald. Esq.  
12 Oct. 1820. Newbury

Maine

Lt. Hon. M<sup>r</sup>. Sanford 30 Sept. '37

415  
Maine

Hannah Fairfield  
widow of John Fairfield dec?

who was a pensioner under the Act of 1815  
and who died on the 10th June 1834  
of York Co. in the State of Maine  
who was a Private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Towne of the Regt. commanded  
by Col Reed in the War  
line for 2 years

Inscribed on the Roll of Maine  
at the rate of \$7 Dollars — Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Sept  
1835 and sent to  
Abner Hennetucke.

Amount to the 4th of Sept 1838 \$207.00  
Semi-annual allowance ending 4. 11. 39, 110.00

\$240.00

{ Act July 7, }  
1838. }

Recorded by W. H. Adison Clerk,  
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Dead

Letter to Hon. A. Clifford 2 June 1841.  
do to same person & 3<sup>d</sup> Auditor  
6<sup>th</sup> July 1841.

Paid at the Treasury under  
the Act of the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1838  
from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1839 to 8 Jan'y 1840.  
Agt notified 21 July 1841.

John Fairfield

Private

1 Feb 77 - 3 years

Premiers regt.

Adm<sup>d</sup>

8 April 1878

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

YORK, SS.

ON this eighth day of April 1818, before me, the subscriber, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the first Eastern District, in said Commonwealth, personally appears John Fairfield resident in Brunswick in said county of York and state aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration—in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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.” That he, the said John (being fifty nine years of age) in the month of April 1776 enlisted as a private soldier in the army of the United States for the term of twelve months in the company commanded by Capt Ezra Towne and proceeded to Cambridge, where he was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Reed of the Massachusetts Line.—from thence to other places, and was honorably discharged at a place called Sopus in the State of New York.—That in February 1777 he enlisted a second time under Capt Daniel Merrill, for the term of three years and proceeded to Ticonderoga, where he was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colo Samuel Breuer of the Massachusetts Line—thence to other places and was honorably discharged from the American Service at Pittsford in February 1780.—That he received a written discharge which is now lost in

And that he is reduced in his circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

*Benj. Greene*

I BENJAMIN GREENE, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern District, in the Commonwealth aforesaid, do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction that the said did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy, and I do now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to the Secretary for the department of war, pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress. *and I certify that the said Fairfield is reduced in his circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his country for support*  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at Wells this twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord 1818

*Benj. Greene*

John Fairfield

69 Amundell

May 18

May 18

# STATE OF MAINE.

*York* ss....At a Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the *first* Eastern Circuit, begun  
and holden at *York* within and for the County of *York*,  
on the *first Tuesday*, being the *fourth* day of *July*,  
and by adjournment at *Alfred* from day to day, on the *eighteenth*  
day of *July*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty,  
before the Honorable *Benjamin Greene*, chief Justice  
Judge of said Court.

ON this *eighteenth* day of *July*, in the year 1820, personally appeared  
*in open Court*,

the same proceeding according to the course of the common law, having jurisdiction unlimited in amount,  
keeping a record of their proceedings, and having "the power of fine and imprisonment," and being a  
Court of Record for said *County*, *John Fairfield*, aged  
*sixty two* years, resident in *Arundel* in said *County*  
who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolu-  
tionary War as follows, viz. as a *private* in the company commanded by Capt.  
*Ezra Towne* in the Regiment commanded by Colonel *Flood*  
in the line of the State of *Massachusetts*, on the Continental Establishment, as is more  
particularly mentioned and described in his original declaration, made on the *eighth*  
day of *April*, A. D. 1818, and on which said declaration his Certificate of Pension,  
numbered *669*, was granted. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of  
the United States on the 18th 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 18th day of March, 1818: and 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 con-  
tained in the schedule hereunto annexed, and by me subscribed; that my occupation and ability to  
pursue the same, together with the number and other particulars of my family, are in fact and in truth  
as is herein particularly described, also subscribed by me.

*John Fairfield*

Sworn to and declared, on the *18th* }  
day of *July*, A. D. 1820. }

BEFORE

*Benj<sup>a</sup> Greene*

*Ch. Just.*  
One of the Judges of  
the said Court.

*Att<sup>y</sup> Daniel Sewall, clerk.*

**SCHEDULE** of the real and personal estate, (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) belonging to me the subscriber, viz:

1 dwelling house 1 story high, 20 by 30 feet.  
1 small barn, 1 story high. 21 acres of land, 16 of which is uncultivated, & rocky, & contains no wood nor timber.

The above premises I only claim by occupation, having no deed nor title by which I can legally hold them.

1 cow - 6 sheep - 1 hog -

Debts due from me, 222 dollars.

John Fairfield.

**SCHEDULE** of the family residing with me *John Fairfield* constantly who, by occupation am a labourer, - which I am not able to pursue by reason of bodily infirmities, being a

| NAMES.             | AGES.             | Capacity of each to contribute to their support.     |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Hannah Fairfield   | 56 y <sup>r</sup> | able to work the most part of the time               |
| John Fairfield jr. | 15 "              | able to work                                         |
| Mary Fairfield     | 11 "              | not able to do but little work, being out of health. |

John Fairfield.

## STATE OF MAINE.

I, *York ss. Daniel Sewall,*  
the county of *York.*

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for said Circuit, within do hereby certify, that the foregoing oath, and the schedules thereto annexed, are truly copied from the Record of the said Court; and I do further certify, that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule, is *twenty two* dollars and *fifty* cents. *And that the applicant owes two hundred twenty two dollars* IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court, on this *twenty second* day of *July*, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

Value 22.50  
Dues 222.-

*Daniel Sewall,* } Clerk of the said Circuit Court for  
the County of *York*

Hannah Fairfield's  
Declaration Aug 6. 1808.

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## Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838 Entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows"

State of Maine }  
County of York }.

On this sixth day of August in the Year of our Lord, One thousand, Eight hundred and thirty Eight personally appeared before me William A. Hayes Esquire, Judge of the Probate Court, being a Court of Record, within and for the County of York, in the State of Maine Hannah Fairfield a resident of Kennebunk port in the said County of York Widow Aged seventy three 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 provision, made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 Entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows." That she is the Widow of John Fairfield, late of Kennebunk port deceased - That the said John Fairfield served against the Common Enemy in the Revolutionary War, in the Land Service, As is more fully specified in the Declaration of said John Fairfield, now on the files of the Pension Department for the Maine Agency at Washington, which declaration was made by the said John Fairfield in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of March 18<sup>th</sup> 1818 and upon which declaration a pension Certificate was issued to said John Fairfield under said Act of March 18<sup>th</sup> 1818 the said John Fairfield continued a pensioner under the Act last named up to the time of his death which was on the tenth day of June 1834 and that the said pension Certificate has been returned to the Pension Agent at Portland

and is not now in her possession

She further declares that she was Married  
to the said John Fairfield on the thirtieth of December  
in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred  
and eighty four; that her husband, the aforesaid John  
Fairfield died on the tenth day of June in the Year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty  
four; 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; viz. at the time above stated  
Witness  
Hannah Fairfield

Wm. A. Hayes

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year  
above written, Before me Wm. A. Hayes Judge  
of Probate York Maine

I William Allen Hayes Judge of Probate  
as aforesaid do certify that the said Hannah  
Fairfield by reason of her great age and  
bodily infirmity is unable to travel and  
attend court, Wm. A. Hayes Judge of Probate  
Before me York County Maine

Extract from the records of the town of Hennepin  
port in the county of York and State of Maine,  
viz;

Marricd by the Rev. Silas Moody John Henrich  
Sim<sup>r</sup> and Hannah Burnham in the year Seventeen  
hundred hundred and eighty four, December the  
thirtieth

I Joshua Henrich Clerk of said town of Hennepin  
port, certify that the foregoing is a true extract  
as it is on the record except the dates which  
are expressed on the records in fair legible fig-  
ures as follows - "1784 (Seventeen hundred and  
eighty four) December 30<sup>th</sup> (thirtieth)

Joshua Henrich Town Clerk

I Joshua Henrich above named depose & say  
that I hold the office of town clerk in the town,  
county & State aforesaid, and that the above  
is a true extract from the records of the same  
town with the exceptions aforesaid.

Joshua Henrich Town Clerk

State of Maine

County of York - ss - August 6<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1830 -

Subscribed by the said Joshua Henrich  
Esqr Before me Wm. A. Hayes Just Peace

I William A. Hayes the above named Justice  
of the Peace certify that the above named  
Joshua Henrich, who is well known to me  
is a person of truth & veracity of his statements  
under oath are entitled to full credit

Wm. A. Hayes Justice Peace

O. W. & N. Div.  
L. W. B.  
W. 25570.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29th, 1896.

Madam:-

Replying to your request for information concerning John Fairfield and James Burnham, supposed to have been soldiers in the Revolutionary war, you are advised that John Fairfield made an application for pension on April 8th, 1818, at which time he was residing at Arundel, Maine, and 59 years of age, and his pension was allowed for two years actual service as a private in the Mass. troops, Revolutionary war; a part of the time he served under Capt. Ezra Town and Col. Reed. He probably enlisted from York Co., Maine.

Regarding James Burnham you are advised that, for purposes of identification, the enclosed slip should be filled out as fully as possible and returned to this Bureau when a further search will be made.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Miss Ida H. Adams,

Huntington Ave, Roslindale, Mass.

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**WIDOW, &c.**

File No.

*25,570*

*Hannah Fairfield*

*wid of*

*John Fairfield*

*Per Mass Line*

Act

*July 7<sup>th</sup> 38*

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

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John Fairfield's claim  
for pension.

Chas  
Brewster

Court

From

Daniel Swale

A I John Fairfield of Arundel in the county of York, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the fifty ninth year of my age, testify and say, that in April 1776, as near as I can recollect, I enlisted in to the service of the United States in Capt. Ezra Town's company in Col. Reed's regiment, and continued in said company in said service twelve months. Afterwards in February 1777, I enlisted in Capt. Daniel Merrill's company in Col. Brewer's regiment in said service, and continued therein three years, and had an honorable discharge in February 1780, which discharge I lodged in the Secretary's office in Boston, in order to obtain my arrears for clothing.

I further testify and say that owing to my poor and indigent circumstances, I stand in need of assistance <sup>from</sup> my country for support.

April 8, 1818.

+ John Linsie

The subscribers, selectmen of the town of Arundel hereby certify that John Fairfield a resident in said town is considered by them to be in indigent circumstances. Dated Arundel Apr 13 1818

Joseph Perkins  
Silas. May

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

York ss. On this eighth day of April, A.D. 1818, personally appeared before me Stephen Thacher, Judge of the Court of Probate within and for the county of York in the Commonwealth aforesaid, the aforesaid John Fairfield, and in my presence subscribed and made oath to the aforesaid declaration and affidavit by him made, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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."— And it appearing to my satisfaction that the aforesaid John Fairfield served for the term of more than nine months at one period of the War of the revolution on the continental establishment against the common enemy. I hereby certify the testimony in the case and the proceedings thereon had, to the Secretary of the department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand, and cause the seal of the said Court to be hereunto affixed, the day and year aforesaid.

Daniel Sewall, Reg<sup>ty</sup>  
of said Court. }

Stephen Thacher Judge

## State of Maine.

York, ss.—

I, JOHN SKEELE, Register of the Court of Probate, within and for the County of York, being a Court of Record, hereby certify that

*William A. Hayes* is Judge of said Court of Probate and that the said *William A. Hayes* and *James Osborn* are Justices of the Peace in and for said County, and that the signatures to the papers hereunto annexed and purporting to be *theirs* are genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court, this *seventeenth* day of *August* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-*eight*.

*John Skeele* } Register of Probate  
York County.

Hamah Fairfield's  
Declaration Aug 6-1838

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Died 1834

Act 7 July 1838

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Is Osborn

Kennebunk

I Mary Fletcher of Kennebunkport  
in the County of York and State of Maine Aged  
Twenty Eight Years, testify depose and say that I was  
well acquainted with John Fairfield late of Kennebunk  
port, in said County of York, a Revolutionary Soldier,  
now deceased, the said John Fairfield died on the  
tenth day of June, in the Year of our Lord, Eighteen  
hundred and thirty four, leaving a Widow Hannah  
Fairfield, who is now living and has continued a  
Widow ever since the decease of said John Fairfield.  
and that she the said Widow Hannah Fairfield  
is the same identical person who was married to  
said John Fairfield (by the name Hannah  
Burroughs), soon after the close of the Revolutionary  
War. —

Witness James Osborn

Mary Fletcher

State of Maine  
County of York So. August 14<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1838

Subscribed & Sworn to by the above named  
Hannah Fairfield

Before me James Osborn Justice of the Peace

I James Osborn the above named Justice of the  
Peace certify that the above named Mary  
Fletcher who is well known to me is a ~~person~~ <sup>Lady</sup> of  
truth and veracity and her statements under oath  
are entitled to full credit

James Osborn Justice of the Peace

415, ~~Mass~~

In at June 1. 1841  
in way.

Hon J L Edwards

Comm of Pensions  
Washington City  
D.C.

H. N. Clifford  
H.R.

House of Reps Wash Dc  
May 31/1841

The enclosed I forwarded  
you in the post  
leaf—  
Nathaniel Clifford

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT,**

Second Comptroller's Office,

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1841.

Sir:

Under the act of the 6th of April, 1838, entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," The child of Hannah Fairfield Dec<sup>r</sup>, a Pensioner on the Roll of the Maine Agency, at the rate of Fifty — Dollars and — Cents per annum, under the law of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, has been paid at this Department, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. 1839, to the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1841.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. B. Parry  
Comptroller.

To the Commissioner of Pensions,

Present.

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To the Chief of the Pension Office  
Department Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Last summer I was told  
by a "Son of the Revolution"  
that by applying to the pension  
office I might be able to secure  
evidence of revolutionary  
service on the part of my great  
grand father which would permit  
me to join the "Daughters of the  
Revolution."

May I ask you, therefore,  
to kindly send to me such  
evidence as may be available,

John Fairfield of Arundel Maine,  
now known as Kennebunkport  
Maine was a private soldier  
died in 1834. His widow had  
a land grant, and I think  
drew a pension.

Her father, James Burnham  
from the same town, was  
killed at Cape Porpoise in 1782.  
I do not know whether a pension  
was granted to his widow or not.  
He would be my great great  
grandfather.

An early reply would be  
greatly appreciated.

Yours truly

Ida H. Adams:  
April 24, 1896.