

SERVICE

Mass:

Alford, Asahel

NUMBER

J 45184

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From Ohio 17244
To New York R.

Asahel Alford,

of Portage Co. in the state of Ohio,

who was a private in the regiment commanded by
Colonel Case, of the Massach. ~~line~~
line, for the term of three years.

Inscribed on the Roll of Ohio,

at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on
the 22. of September, 1819.

Certificate of Pension issued the 30. of May, 1820
and sent to Elias Harman, judge
Ravenna, Ohio.

Arrears to 4th of March, 1820. \$: 43.45

Semi-ann. all'ce ending 1. Sept. 1820. 48 "

5 mo. 9 } 1820. \$: 91.45
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{ Revolutionary claim,
Act 18th March, 1818. }

Deb June 25-1820-2.18

State of Ohio }
Portage County }

On this 22nd day of Sept 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County Person appeared Asahel Atford aged fifty eight years resident in said County who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions 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 Asahel Atford Enlisted for the term of three years in the month of Jan^y 1777 in the State of Massachusetts in the Company commanded by Capt. Moses Ashley of the Regiment commanded by Colonel ^{Joseph} Vears in the line of the State of Massachusetts on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States until the first of Jan^y 1780 when he was discharged from service at the highlands on Hudsons River in the State of New York that he was in the battles of taking of Burgoyne Monmouth and Long Island — and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of 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

I Elias Harmon Judge of the Court aforesaid do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Asahel Atford did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy for the term of nine months at one time on the continental establishment and I 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 aforesaid Act of Congress — I am also satisfied that he needs the assistance of his country for support — I certify that the previous declaration was dated the 22nd Sept 1819,

Elias Harmon 1st Judge

State of New York

Herkimer County

SS on this sixth day of May 1822 in open court, to wit, the court of Common Pleas in and for said County, said Court being by Law constituted a court of Record, personally appeared, Asahel Alford aged sixty one years, resident in the town of Columbia, in said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows - that ^{he enlisted} at Becket, Mass, for three years, as a private in Captain Moses Ashleys Company, in Colonel Voses Regiment of Infantry, in Gen. Glovers Brigade in the Massachusetts Line, on the continental establishment - that he served in said company and regiment for three years until he was honorably discharged from the same, at the Highlands, in the state of New York, in the month of January 1799 - as the deponent believes. That his original declaration was made in September, 1819, but that he is unable to state the number of his pension certificate, which certificate has been lost, as he is informed, and believes to be true -

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 services of the United States, in the revolutionary war" passed on the 15th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, (my necessary clothing and bedding excepted) as

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 —

Two cows of the value of thirty five dollars 35.00
one axe of the value of \$1.50 — one razor \$0.25 1-75
one pair spectacles \$0.25 — one common bible \$0.75 1-00
one compendium of the bible \$0.75 — 0-75
one iron pot — one tea kettle — & one dish kettle — 2-50
Crockery ware \$1.50 — one tumbler \$0.12 — tin ware \$2-00
stone & earthen ware \$1.00 — wooden ware \$4.00 — 2-00
\$ 45.00

My Family consists of my wife, Lydia sixty two years old — a daughter, Melinda, about thirty years old — a cripple and scarcely able to support herself — and myself. I am infirm, subject to Rheumatic complaints, and have no occupation but that of a Laborer

sworn 6th May 1822


before me

David Holt

Wahel Alford

The court is of opinion, that the value of the property in the foregoing schedule enumerated, is Forty Five Dollars

David Holt
Sanders Lansing
Almond Puel



Judges

September 8, 1936.

Mr. Roger P. Williams
2 Rock Street
Alexandria Bay, New York.

RA-J/III
Asahel Alford
S. 45184

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Asahel Alford, a pensioner of Columbia, Herkimer County, New York, in 1840.

The data which follow are found in the papers on file in pension claim, S. 45184, based upon service of Asahel Alford in the Revolutionary War.

Asahel Alford enlisted in Becket, Massachusetts, January 1, 1776, served as private in Captain Moses Ashley's company, Colonel John Paterson's Massachusetts regiment, was at the Cedar on the St. Lawrence River where he was taken prisoner, was held about ten days and exchanged; he enlisted January 1, 1777 and served three years as private in Captain Moses Ashley's company, Colonel Joseph Vose's Massachusetts regiment and was discharged at the Highlands, New York State. During his service, he was in the battle when General Burgoyne was taken, (in the battle of Long Island) and also at Monmouth.

Asahel Alford was allowed pension on his application executed September 22, 1819, at which time he resided in Sharon, Portage County, Ohio; he gave his age then as fifty-eight years, but did not state the date and place of his birth, nor the names of his parents.

In May 1822, the soldier had moved from Ohio to Columbia, Herkimer County, New York. His family at that time consisted of his wife, Lydia, aged sixty-two years, and a daughter, Malinda, aged about thirty years; the maiden name of the soldier's wife, the date and place of their marriage, and names of any other children are not shown. This pensioner died June 25, 1855; one Alonzo Ellwood was referred to as administrator of the soldier's estate in 1855.

In 1819, Elijah Alford was a resident of Sharon, Portage County.

Ohio; he stated that he was intimately acquainted with Asabel Alford from his youth and was a near neighbor, but he did not state any relationship between them.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HILLER,
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator.