

Declaration of Abigail Owen in behalf
of herself and Sheldon Root & Anna Foster
State of Vermont
District of Fair Haven

On this 12th day of February
A.D. 1851, personally appeared before the subscriber
Judge of the court of Probate for 3^d district Abigail
Owen a resident of Benson in 3^d district aged Sixty
Two years and after being duly sworn according
to law doth on her oath make the following decla-
ration for herself & behalf of her brother & sister above
named in order to obtain the benefit of the acts of
Congress passed July 7th 1838 and March 3^d 1843

That she with Sheldon Root and Anna Foster
above named are the only surviving children of
Amos Root & Anna Root deceased. That the said
Amos Root was a native of Pittsfield, Massachusetts
and entered the Revolutionary army from that
that town that she well remembers his account of
service under Capt. Ruttenbore and Capt. Parker
- That one winter he was stationed at Swanton
and at another and later period at Springfield
Mass. She states that her 3^d father moved to Benson
Vermont about the A.D. 1797 - and that he died on
the 23^d February A.D. 1813

Declarant further states that she has often heard her
mother state that her maiden name was Anne
Baker and that she was married to her father

The 3 Anos Root on The 25th day of December
A.D.: 1785. by Elder Beathbone a clergyman of
Towson of Pittsfield. That she has no record of the
marriage of her 3 parents. but that a record of
the ages of her brothers & sister made by her father
was given to Jefe Gove esq of Berntance Vermont
some ten years ago for the purpose of proving said
marriage, her 3 mother at that time being an
applicant for a pension, on account of her said fathers
services That her said mother remained a widow
until her death which took place on The 1st day of
August - A.D. 1843.

Declarant prays that the
pension due her 3 mother may be allowed and
paid to her surviving children for proof of service
& marriage of her parents refer to the company papers
I sworn to on the day above written Abigail Owen
Before me Almond Warner Judge

I hereby certify that said Abigail Owen
is a person of truth and credibility
Almond Warner Judge

Asahel Tildes a resident of Benson in the
County of Rutland & State of Vermont aged
Ninety one years & Pensioner of the United
States being sworn deposes That he was a
native of Pittsfield Massachusetts. That he
was acquainted with one Amos Root who also
resided in Pittsfield during the childhood of
This deponent. This deponent entered the army
of the Revolution as a Levy on the 15th day of
December 1775 under Capt. Amos Rathbone of the
Town of Richmond Massachusetts. Col. Simonds Rye
and marched to Ticonderoga and deponent was
stationed at what was then called the French
Line about half a mile west of the fort at Ticon-
deroga and continued in that service for a period
of three months. The S Amos Root entered the same
company & Rye and served the same length of time
& was discharged on the 15th March 1776 and then
returned to Pittsfield

Deponent further states that he again was in the
service of the Revolution for a period of Six months
and stationed at Springfield Mass. under one
Capt. Parker. That the S Root served for the
same length of time in the same company -

Deponent believes the S Root served at another
period when the army was at White Plains
but cannot identify him in any company -

Depoent further states That The S Amos Root
 was married in Pittsfield Mass to Anne (Baker)
 Baker. Depoent. was married June 17. 1784 by
 an Elder Ruthbone of Pittsfield, he was the same
 man before him. Depoent states that the marriage
 of The S Amos & Anne was solemnize as he thinks
 the year after. He further states the S Amos and
 Anne cohabited together after the time of the repu-
 ted marriage & had children born in to them
 The oldest is called Sheldon Root and now lives
 near Depoent in S Town of Benson and Depoent
 has known him from infancy - he well remembers of
 visiting S Amos & Anne when the S Sheldon Root
 was an infant. and Depoent states it was the third
 winter after his own marriage

The S Amos Root & his wife the S Anne moved to
 this town of Benson more than fifty years ago
 when they lived until his death in 1813, and
 that his widow the S Anne survived ~~the~~
 Amos & died in 1843, as he believes. He further
 states that Sheldon Root, Abigail Owen, and
 Anne Foster are the only surviving children of
 the S Anne and further with out.

Witness
 C. G. Stiles

Witness
 Asahel J. Stiles
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Sworn before me
 on the 6th Decr. 1857

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Secretary's Office, Boston :

February 1857.

I hereby Certify, That, from an examination of the Books and Documents relating to Military Services in the War of the Revolution, which remain in this Department, it appears that the name of Isaac Root is true on a list of men marched from Pittsfield to N. Y. with Lt. Wm. Barber, as private, from Sept. 30 to Nov. 17. 1776. 7 weeks. names of other officers not stated. ———

On pay rolls of Capt. John Strong, Lt. Col. John Brown's Regt. as private, from June 30. 1777. 26 days from Sept 6. 1777. 26 days. ———

On a pay roll of Capt. Elias Barber, Lt. Col. Jacob Spruick's Regt. to guard Stores at Springfield, as a private, from July 18. 1778. 5 months 17 days. ———

On a pay roll of Capt. Joseph Raymond, Lt. Col. Saml. Chapin's Regt. as a private, from Oct. 23. 1779. 1 mo. 3 days. ———

The foregoing services were all performed from Pittsfield. No roll of Capt. Rathbun's Co. found for 1776. ———