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SERVICE

N.H.

# Duncan, John
Betsy.

NUMBER

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New Hampshire

John Duncan

of Sullivan Co in the State of N. Hampshire
who was a Sergeant in the Company commanded
by Captain Witherbee of the Regt: commanded
by Col. Bellows. in the R H ons
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Inscribed on the Roll of New Hampshire
at the rate of 31 Dollars 66 Cents per annum,
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 1 day of June
1833 and sent to
A. A. Sumner Charlestown

Arrears to the 4th of March 1833 $ 63.32
Semi-anl. allowance ending Sept 15.83

$79.15

{Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832.}

Recorded by W. L. Williamson Clerk,
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~~Massachusetts~~
~~New Hampshire.~~
Concord, N.H.

Betsy Duncan

**widow of** John Duncan

**who served in the Revolutionary war, as a** Sergeant.

**Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of** 31 **Dollars** 66.

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

**Certificate of Pension issued the** 29th **day of** Sept. 1849.

**and sent to**

John Bryant,
Meredian
N. H.

**Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act**
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Reported
Cr to Dept 31 Dec 1851
To Boston, Mass. pr 4 Sept 51
Mr Saml L. T. Stevens, Charlestown
Mass. Jany 12/52.
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1856 Jany 10 Cr to Dept

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to Concord, NH Fran 4 Sept
1855, on the 21 Jany 56 d Note
sent to her at Alwark N.H.

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April 15 1855

Betsey Duncan widow

John Duncan Private

Pensioner of New Hampshire.

Benjamin Sellon Esqr

Att'y for Pens

Revolutionary War

Mass Inf 48-Mo 354

Boynton

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Wells

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Betsey Duncan N H

Record of the birth of children

E W Bryant Agent

Meriden

N H

Town Clerks Office Acworth N.H
Oct 26. 1848

I. Charles M Woodbury of Acworth in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire do hereby certify that upon application to me of record evidence of the Marriage of John Duncan of Acworth to Betsy Prouty of Spencer Massachusetts. That I have made Search and find no record of the Marriage of the said John Duncan to Betsy Prouty but do find a record of the birth of the Children of the said John Duncan by his first and also of his record wife. Which are as follows

William Duncan born Oct 14th A.D. 1778
John Duncan born March 1st A.D. 1780
Adam Duncan born Jany 21st A.D. 1782
George Duncan born Decr 26th A.D 1783
Jane Duncan born Octr 17th A.D 1785
Rachel Duncan born Novr 25th A.D 1787
Isaac Duncan born July 12th A.D 1789
James Duncan born July 1st A.D 1791

Record wife's Children.

Daniel Duncan born Dec 13th A.D. 1794
Hiram Duncan born June 30th A.D. 1796
Horace Duncan born Jany 10th A.D. 1799
Fanny Duncan born March 4th A.D. 1801
Cyrus Duncan born May 6th A.D. 1803
Harvey Duncan born Octr 5th A.D. 1805
Milton Duncan born April 18 A.D. 1808

Solon Duncan born Sept. 5 A. 1810
Betsy Duncan born April 26 A. 1813
Huron Duncan born Dec. 1 A 1815

Children of John Duncan and Margaret his wife the eight first. The Remainder by Betsy his second wife. And I further certify that on the same page of Record I find the following addition.

Mary Duncan born March 5th A. 1820 Child of John Duncan & Betsy his wife

A true Copy of Record Attest

C. M. Woodbury Town Clerk

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 26th day of Octo 1848.

Grenville Gilmore Justice of the Peace

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

## Office of Secretary of State.

I, **Thomas P. Treadwell,** Secretary of State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that Granville Gilmore ——is an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Sullivan ——— duly Commissioned and qualified, and duly authorized by the Laws of said State to administer Oaths, take the acknowledgement of Deeds, &c. His Commission was dated on the twenty-second day of June —1847 and will expire on the twenty-second day of June ——— 1852 and his signature, as such, to the annexed instrument is genuine.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, this 28th ——— day of October 1848.

Thomas P. Treadwell, Secretary of State.

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 29th July 1848 and the joint Resolution of Congress approved July 1. 1848

State of New Hampshire }
Sullivan County ss }

On this 26th day of October eighteen hundred and forty eight. Personally appeared before the Judge of the Court of Probate for said County of Sullivan Betsey Dun-
can a resident of Newport in said County. aged 74 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 July 29. 1848. and also the benefit of the joint Resolution of Congress approved July 1. 1848. Under which joint Resolution she claims a Pension at the same rate per annum that her late husband John Duncan who was a New Hampshire Pensioner of the United States under the Act of 7th of June 1832. received in his life time which she believes to have been Seventy two Dollars per annum—

She further declares that she was married to the said John Duncan as his second wife by the Revd Mr. Fisher of the adjoining town of Lempster on the fifteenth day of May. Seventeen hundred and ninety Four that her late husband the afore-
said John Duncan died at said Newport

on the fourteenth day of June eighteen hun-
dred and thirty Four. That she was not maried
to him prior to his leaving the service. but the
marriage took place previous to the second of
January eighteen hundred. (1803.) at the time
above stated. She further sweare that she
is now the widow of the said John Duncan
and that she has never before made any appli
cation for a pension.

her
Betsey + Duncan
mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year
above written, before John L Putnam Judge of Probate

I further certify that the aforesaid declarant is in
my belief a credible person and further that by
reason of age and bodily infirmity she is unable
to attend the Probate Court in this County at the
times and places by law appointed

John L Putnam Judge of Probate

State of New Hampshire
County of Sullivan ss. } I Ralph Metcalf Register of
the Court of Probate within and for the said County of
Sullivan do hereby certify that John L. Putnam before
whom the above Declaration of Betsey Duncan was
sworn to and subscribed is Judge of the Court of Probate
which Court of Probate is a Court of record; and that
the signature annexed to the foregoing certificate of the
oath of said declarant purporting to be the signature
of him the said John L. Putnam, is his own proper and
genuine signature.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed
the seal of said Court and subscribed my
name at Newport in said County this 30th
day of October 1848.

Ralph Metcalf Register of Probate.

Claim of Mrs Betsy Duncan
To Bounty Land
Act 3. March 1855
War of the Revolution

60,306

State of New Hampshire
Sullivan County S.S.

On this twenty eighth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred fifty five personally appeared before me Granville Gilmore a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Betsey Duncan aged Eighty years, a resident of Acworth in said County of Sullivan who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of John Duncan deceased who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution, and who as I believe in his lifetime drew a pension of seventy two dollars per annum, that she now has in her possession as the widow of said John Duncan a pension certificate dated the 29th of September 1849 for the sum of thirty one dollars sixty six cents per annum that she has no documentary evidence and respectfully refers the department to the papers on file in the pension office at the City of Washington that she is now a widow at the date of executing this her declaration.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3. 1855, She also declares that she has never received nor applied for Bounty Land under this or any other act of Congress till this present application,

her
Betsey X Duncan
mark

witness
Granville Gilmore
Joseph Wheeler

we Theron Duncan and Joseph W. Sluder,
residents of Acworth in the County of Sullivan
within named upon our oaths declare that
the foregoing declaration was signed and
acknowledged by the ~~within~~ named Betsey
Duncan in our presence, and we believe
from the appearance and statements of the ap-
plicant and from our acquaintance with
her that she is the identical person she represents
herself to be,

Theron Duncan
Joseph W Sluder

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were
sworn to and subscribed before me on the day
and year first within ~~written~~; and I certify
that I know the affiants to be credible persons
that the claimant is the person she represents
herself to be and that I have no interest in this
claim.

Granville Gilmore Justice of the Peace

State of New Hampshire }
County of Sullivan } ss.

I J. M. Gilmore Clerk of the
Court of Common Pleas for said County do hereby
certify that Granville Gilmore before whom the
foregoing declaration and affidavit were subscribed
and sworn and who thereto subscribed his name was
at the date thereof an acting Justice of the Peace in
and for said County duly commissioned & sworn and
that his signatures thereunto are genuine

Given under My hand and the Seal of
the Court this 7th Day of April A D
1855.

J. M. Gilmore Clerk

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John Dumars

Declaration -

Sergt 6 Mon 10 days

Compt Mc Pherson's Co
Col Bellows's Reg
N. Hampshire Line

on Roll Capt Wilkins's Co
Sergt 5 Months
on Roll Capt Langs Comp
Sergt 1 Month & 1 day.

Returned To
Franklin A Sumner
Clerk Pension Office

# DECLARATION.

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

*State of New-Hampshire,* }
*County of Sullivan.* } ss.

On this 13th day of May 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the Court of Probate, now sitting, John Duncan a resident of Acworth in the County of Sullivan and State of N. H. aged 81 years, who being first 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

That on the nineteenth of April 1775. Your declarant then living in Londonderry in New Hampshire, was informed that the British had Capt Parker & were going into the country, & that there was a want of men, Your declarant with David McCoy, Robert Boyde & David Morrison, immediately shouldered our packs & guns, & started & met them, we travelled all that night and in the morning of the 20th arrived at Lexington, on the battle ground then stained with the blood of our Citizens we continued our march to Cambridge, where we took, guarding the roads from Cambridge, Sickles & Charlestown & Boston, & prevent any communications with the enemy. We Colony & Company or Capt but served as aforesaid untill there were regular troops sufficient to protect the place & we went home, this time of service was twenty two days according to his best recollection Your declarant well remembers Capt George Reed & his company of thirty men from Londonderry arriving before

In support of Claim. Your declarant has no documentary evidence of the above service not being attached to any company, & the men who accompanied him are dead. He can only swear that he did just as much the above service under the solemnities of the oath & and the affidavit of Robert McCoy your declarant further states, that in a few days after he returned from Cambridge to his father in Londonderry, he went to Acworth in the then county of Cheshire State of New Hampshire (now county of Sullivan) where he now & ever since has lived. In June (according to his best recollection) 1776 he enlisted as a sergeant into Capt Samuel Witherbee's company & Col Hyman Reynolds regiment for four months, & from Charlestown to Rutland & then thence through the woods to Lake Champlain. There joined the Lake Flotilla, & with the company was ordered

Regiment of Foot from Charlestown to Rutland 40 Miles Thence to the head of Lake Champlain. Thence rowed the Lake to Ticonderoga, Where he with the company was ordered back Thence to Independamia. Where he was stationed during the Winter, & making roads until his time of service was out, the 10th day of June — The evidence of this service is the affidavit of Lasel Libby. who & Robert Wilson — who saw him at Ticonderoga & Independamia. & Robert Wilson — who saw him at Ticonderoga & Independamia. & Robert Wilson — who saw him at Ticonderoga & Independamia.

Pursuant to our Statement until after the Surrender of Burgoyne — Then returned to Saratoga. There

[illegible] with [illegible] the Remains of our Army or boat to

join the British, we then divided the same &

done in a few days dismissed, & he returned home to

Ireland the fourteenth of November. was gone two

months, according This last knowledge & belief —

The evidence of this witness is the affidavit of Jere-

miah Millard who resided in the Town also that of Deacon

Isaac Libby hereto attached — Also the affidavit of Robert McClure

Your deponent further states that in the fall of the

year seventeen hundred and sixty he thinks in Sept or

October, is not certain which. but was at the time Royalton

was burned he again turned out & joined Capt Kings

Company as Sergeant, & marched on to Bennington then

we heard Burgoyne was defeated. & hearing the enemy had

marched towards Cambridge in Vermont, then we

arrived at Otis's in Westfield, were informed the

British had gone towards Canada. we were

This was only two days service, The evidence of this

witness is Deacon Robert McClure who served with

him

Your deponent makes the following answers to the questions

proposed by the court — He was born at Londonderry upon

on 29th March 1752. Has no regard of his age only his bible record

He was living in Londonderry & passed when called into service & has

resided in Cambridge ever since, was never drafted or served

as a substitute. does not recollect the Genl. affairs except Genl Gates

at the taking of Burgoyne,

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State,

John Duncan

Sworn to and subscribed, the day & year above?

Frederick A Swasey Judge Probate

We, Lazel Libby residing in Auburn and Samuel Finley residing in Auburn hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Col John Duncan who has subscribed and sworn to the above obligation; that we believe him to be 81 years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion. & say he is a man of truth & veracity

Lazell Libby

Sworn and subscribed the day & year above?

Saml Finley

Before me

Frederick A Swasey Judge Probate

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after 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 certifies, that it appears to them that Lazel Libby who has signed the preceding certificate, is a Deacon resident in the Town of Auburn and that Samuel Finley, who has also signed the same is a resident in the Town Auburn & is a Magistrate and are credible persons, and that their statement is entitled to credit. There being no clergyman in Auburn the certificate of the foregoing gentlemen is taken

Frederick A. Swasey Judge of Probate

I, Aaron Nutter Jr Register of the Court of Probate do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of John Duncan for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this 13th day of May 1833

Aaron Nutter Jr

October 9, 1934

xxxxxxxxxxxxx

Mrs. Charlotte Buswell
Maple-Lawn Farm
R. F. D. 2
Winthrop, Maine

JOHN DUNCAN
W. 1841
BA-J/MLB

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John Duncan, of Acworth, New Hampshire, who, you state, served as colonel in that war.

You are furnished herein the record of the only soldier named John Duncan, of New Hampshire, the data of which were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W. 1841, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

John Duncan was born March 29, 1752, in Londonderry, New Hampshire; the names of his parents are not given.

While a resident of said Londonderry, New Hampshire, he marched April 19, 1775, not attached to any company, and served twenty-two days engaged in guarding the roads from Cambridge, Mystic and Charlestown to Boston. In a few days after returning to his father in Londonderry, he went to Acworth, in that part of Cheshire (which was later Sullivan) County, New Hampshire, and while there enlisted in June, 1776, and served five months as sergeant in Captain Samuel Wetherbee's company, Colonel Wyman's New Hampshire regiment. He enlisted the last of August or early in September, 1777, and served two months as sergeant in Captain William Carey's company, Colonel Bellows' New Hampshire regiment, and was at the taking of Burgoyne. He enlisted in the fall of 1780 and served nine days as sergeant in Captain William Keyes' New Hampshire company.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 13, 1833, while a resident of Acworth, Sullivan County, New Hampshire. At the time of soldier's application for pension he was referred to as Colonel John Duncan with no explanation of the rank.

The soldier died June 14, 1834, in Acworth, New Hampshire.

John Duncan married Margaret _____( date of marriage and maiden name of wife not given, nor date of her death), While residing in Acworth, New Hampshire, he married May 15, 1794, Betsey or Betsy Prouty of Spencer, Massachusetts.

Soldier's widow, Betsey or Betsy Duncan, was allowed pension on her application executed October 26, 1848, at which time she was aged seventy-four years and a resident of Acworth, Sullivan County, New Hampshire.

In 1851, she was residing in Charlestown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. In 1855 she had moved back to Acworth, New Hampshire, and was living with a son, name not ~~stated~~ designated, and was still living in Acworth, in 1868.

John Duncan and his first wife, Margaret, had the following children:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| William | Duncan, | born | October | 14, | 1778 |
| John | " | " | March | 1, | 1780 |
| Adam | " | " | January | 21, | 1782 |
| George | " | " | December | 26, | 1783 |
| Jane | " | " | October | 17, | 1785 |
| Rachel | " | " | November | 23, | 1787 |
| Isaac | " | " | July | 12, | 1789 |
| James | " | " | July | 1, | 1791 |

John Duncan and his second wife, Betsey or Betsy, had the following children:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Daniel | Duncan, | born | December | 13, | 1794 |
| Hiram | " | " | June | 30, | 1796 |
| Horace | " | " | January | 10, | 1799 |
| Fanny | " | " | March | 4, | 1801 |
| Cyrus | " | " | May | 6, | 1803 |
| Harvey | " | " | October | 3, | 1805 |
| Milton | " | " | April | 18, | 1808 |
| Solon | " | " | September | 5, | 1810 |
| Betsey | " | " | April | 26, | 1813 |
| Theron | " | " | December | 1, | 1815 |
| Mary | " | " | March | 5, | 1820 |

Neighbor → In 1855, one Theron ~~Duncan~~ was residing in Acworth, New Hampshire, ~~his relationship not stated.~~ but it is not shown whether he was the son named above.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Assistant to Administrator

Rev.

# WIDOW, &c.

File No. 18441

Betsy Duncan

Widow

John Duncan

Sgt. Rev. War

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

Dec. 20–1901

Mrs. D. M. C. Gaskill

Oakland Calif.

1934 Oct 9 – Hist to Mrs. Charl. Buswell – M.L.B

No. 60306

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1855.

Received Apr. 11, 1855

John Duncan
Rev. Star -

Hanaut 206-160-55

E. Ingman
Newport
N. H.

3554 Increase

New Hampshire.

Betsy Duncan

**widow of** John Duncan

**who served in the Revolutionary**

**war, as a** Sergeant

NH Volunteers Inf.

**Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of**

131 **Dollars** 66

**Cents per annum, to commence on**

**the ~~4th day of March, 1848.~~**

30th day of September 1865.

Deducting all payments made since

**Certificate of Pension issued the**

31st **day of** August 1848

**and sent to**

Ira Colby

Claremont

N.H.

Oct 9. 68 Ira Colby with Certf.

Date of increase & death rule for Inv. Pen.

*Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act*

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No 259

Bulsey Duncan

N B

Lt. to John Bryant

May 28th 1849

ar 24 July 1848

7206

160 acres

John Duncan N.H. act 7 June 1832 31½ pr ann

To what time was he last paid

Pension Office
Sept 29 1845

Died 14th June 1834
P.M. to the death.

Boston Sept. 7th 1855

To the Commissioner
of Pensions
Sir

I was requested some month ago to transmit the enclosed petition of Betsey Duncan to your office, but the paper was unidentally mislaid.

Respectfully yours &c
David Gould

I Robert McClure of Dunstable in the county of Hillsborough State of New Hampshire Inholder aged sixty eight years or upwards do depose and say that in the year 1780 (according to the old stile) the alarm was given that the Tories & Indians were attacking our frontiers - Capt William Kayes commanded the company in said Dunstable at that time & called for men I turned out with the company & the enemy had gone well remember that Jno Duncan then of Dunstable aforesaid, belonged to, came & turned out as such & marched with us, when we were in our way, information was given us that Royalton was burned & the enemy had gone Hanover that night Norwich we arrived at Hartford night Norwich we were informed the enemy had returned towards Canada, we were overtook & returned. we were in that service nine days according to the best of my recollection, In 1775. I lived in Londonderry in this State, I well remember Jno Duncan who then lived in Londonderry till the time of his going with Robert Boyes, Daniel McClary & others to Lexington Massachusetts bridge the day after the battle at Lexington, & that he was gone home when we left do not recollect how long - I further depose & say that in the same year 1780 & some part in the service at Mount Independence, ~~and Castleton~~ for my station in Capt Nesmiths company, when I received my discharge Jno Duncan who then was with me Independent. I fell in with the same Jno Duncan

in Case W Blanchard company for five months
which I may Become & & Law him as above stated
in Actual service — Robert McLure

State of New Hampshire } May 13th 1833
Sullivan ss

Then Robert McLean
who signed the foregoing affidavit personally appear
& made oath to the truth of the same —

Before me Frederick A. Sumner Just Peace

I certify that I have been acquainted with Robert McLean for more than thirty years last past
& that he has always sustained the character for
more truth & veracity & he is intitled to belief
as a witness — Frederick A. Sumner Justice of the
Peace

I Aaron Nettleton Jun. Register of Probate within &
for the county of Sullivan — State of New Hampshire
do hereby certify that Frederick A. Sumner before whom
the foregoing affidavit was taken is a justice of the peace
& that his Signature thereto is genuine —
In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed the seal of the Court aforesaid
this 13th day of May A.D. 1833
Aaron Nettleton Jr

Lasel Libby of Deerfield in the County of Rockingham State of New Hampshire seventy eight years of age deposeth and saith that the latter part of June or first of July 1775 he inlisted as a soldier into the company of Samuel McAlister & Col Wyman's Regiment for five months, that he well remembers that John Duncan of Deerfield inlisted at the same time & in the same company as a Sergeant for ten months & served with him the whole of said term of service, that said John Duncan is now living & present & that he the said Deponent & said John Duncan & Ephraim Eastman with the rest of the company marched to Cambridge where said John Duncan went into the service when Burgoine was taken & have often heard them tell the story of taking Burgoine's boats, I have no doubt but that said John Duncan was at said battle in that service

Lasell Silsby

State of New Hampshire } Chesterfield May 13th 1833
Sullivan ss. }

Then personally appeared Lasel Libby & made oath to the truth of the foregoing affidavit,

Before me

Frederick Sumner Just Peace

I certify that Lasel Libby who signed & swore to the foregoing affidavit is considered as a man of truth & Veracity & his credit would be given to his testimony —

Frederick Sumner Just Peace

I Aaron Nettleton Junr Register of the court
of Probate within & for the county of Sullivan
State of New Hampshire - Do hereby certify
that Frederick A Sherman
before whom the within affidavit was
taken is a justice of the Peace & his signature
thereto as such are genuine

In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & affixed the
seal of the court aforesaid this
12th day of May A.D. 1833

Aaron Nettleton Jr

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I Jeremiah Willard of Charlestown in the County of Sullivan & State of New Hampshire eighty five years of age do hereby say - That I was in the service of the United States in the year 1777 at the taking of Burgoine belonged to Captain Leavy's company & took Bellows Falls Mill remember that Jotham Denison of Amherst in said county belonged to the same company and that he was with us in that service, I recollect him at Manchester Vt and where we took the Battery on the North River at Saratoga. he was with us the whole of the time after we arrived at Manchester a fourth, I was not at Rutland & Tinmouth with him I well remember the said Denison — came in the Cart of that time, became home late — in the fall, —

Jeremiah Willard

State of New Hampshire } Charlestown May 23 1833
Sullivan ss }

Then Jeremiah Willard the above
declared personally appeared & made oath to the
truth of the foregoing by him signed

Before me Frederick A. Stevens Just. Peace

I certify that Jeremiah Willard signing of the foregoing affidavit is considered a man of truth
& veracity and is entitled credit as a Witness

Frederick A. Stevens Just. Peace

I Ancan Settlebow June Register of Wills within
& for the County of Delaware — Do hereby
Do Hereby certify That Frederick A. Lennon &c —
personally came before me at Chester on the 12th day of May
in a petition of the said Frederick A. Lennon
and made oath that the signatures as
such are genuine —

Witness Whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed the seal
of the court aforesaid this 12th day
of May A.D. 1833

Ancan Settlebow Jr

State of New Hampshire
County of Sullivan ss

On this 19th da of August A.D. 1868 personally appeared before me Lyman J. Brooks clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court in and for the County and State aforesaid Betsy Duncan a resident of Acworth in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire Aged ninety three years who being by me first duly sworn declares that she is the same person to whom was issued a certificate of pension No 1849 by the Secretary of the Interior at the rate of thirty one dollars and sixty six cents per annum from the 4th day of March 1848 and which pension has been paid to her to the 4th day of March A.D. 1865 at the Agency at Concord in the State of New Hampshire. That this declaration is made for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of a joint Resolution of Congress in relation to the pensions of widows of Revolutionary Soldiers. Approved Feb 18th 1867. That she is the widow of John Duncan who was a Sergeant in

the revolutionary war. That she was marrien to the said John Duncan on the 15th day of May A.D. 1794 a record of which was made by her said husband John Duncan in the family Bible

That she hereby constitutes and appoints Ira Colby Esq of Claremont New Hampshire her true and lawful attorney for her and in her name to prosecute this claim and receive her pension certificate when issued.

She further declares that she has not remarried since the death of her said husband And that her post office address is Acworth, New Hampshire

Witnesses to Mark
J. M. Dickey
B. P. Wood

her
Betsey X Duncan
mark

Also personally appeared J. M Dickey and B. P. Wood

residents of the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire to me well known as credible persons who being duly sworn declare that they have been for 10 & 30 years acquainted with the above named applicant, that they were present and saw her sign her name make her mark

to the foregoing declaration and they further severally that they have every reason to believe that the is the identical person she represents herself to be. that she has always been loyal to the government of the United States And that they have no interest whatever in this application

J. M. Dickey
B. P. Moore

State of New Hampshire
Sullivan ss.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this twelfth day of August A.D. 1868.:
And I certify that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court the day and year last above written

Lyman D. Brooks Clerk.

Betsey Duncans
Application for transfer.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex County 88.
On this first day of November A.D. 1857 before
me, the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and
for the County and State aforesaid, personally
appeared Betsey Duncan, who, on her oath
declares that She is the identical person
named in an original Pension Certificate
in her possession bearing date the 29th day
of September 1849: that her name was placed
on the Roll of Concord N.H. Agency
from which She has hitherto received
her pension at the rate of Thirty One Dollars
and Sixty Six cents under the Act of July 29th
1848: that She has removed from the State of
New Hampshire and now resides in Charlestown
in the State of Massachusetts where She intends
to remain and wishes her pension to be there
payable in future. Her reasons are that
she would be subject to much less trouble
& Expense in obtaining her pension money, the
Agency in Concord N.H. being at a great distance
Witness Thomas J Stevens

her
Betsey X Duncan
mark

Sworn and Subscribed to before me the day & year aforesaid
G. Washington Warren Justice of the Peace

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*Secretary's Office, Boston, Decemb 24 1851*

I Hereby Certify. That at the date of the annexed attestations Gen. Washington Warren was a Justice of the Peace for the County of Middlesex,

*in the said Commonwealth, duly commissioned and qualified; 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.*

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

I Thomas J. Stevens of Charlestown in the County of Middlesex & State of Massachusetts depose and say that I am personally well acquainted with Betsey Duncan who has taken the oath within and has signed the within affidavit and believe her to be the same person she represents herself to be and that she is entitled to full credit.

Thomas J Stevens

Sworn to and subscribed this 19th day of December A.D. 1857

Before me

G. Washington Warren
Justice of the Peace

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Betsey Duncan &c claimants

Proof in her case —

Thomas Dickeys dep.t

[illegible] Agent

Brenden

&c

I Thomas Dickey of Acworth in the County
of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire
of the age of forty seven years ~~[illegible]~~ depose and
say that I have been a resident of said Acworth
from the time of my birth that I have a neigh-
-bour to and was well acquainted with the -
late John Duncan who was the husband of
her that is now the widow Betsey Duncan
that I was present and witnessed his death
on the fourteenth day of June one thousand
eight and thirty four I assisted in opening
a grave for him and attened his funeral
and saw his remains therein intered on
the Sunday following his death, I further ~~depose~~
and say that I was one of the executors of the last
will and testament of said John Duncan and
that I caused said will to be proved and approved in the
Court of Probate within and for said Coun-
-ty on the 19th day of the month in which he
died. I further say that at the time of his
death he was a New Hampshire pensioner
of the United States and that he left a widow
by the name of Betsey Duncan with whom
I have ever since been personally acquaint
-ed - and know that since the death of her
husband the said John Duncan she has not

intermarried but still continues to be his widow and is a claimant for a pension under the act of July 29, 1848. ~

Thomas Dickey

~~State~~ of New Hampshire
Sullivan ss.

Sworn and subscribed to on the twenty eighth day of October D. 1848.

Before me Granville Gilmore Justice of the Peace

I further certify that the above deponent is a credible witness

Granville Gilmore Just. Peace

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Office of Secretary of State.

I, **Thomas P. Treadwell,** Secretary of State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that Granville Gilmore — is an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Sullivan duly Commissioned and qualified, and duly authorized by the Laws of said State to administer Oaths, take the acknowledgement of Deeds, &c. His Commission was dated on the twenty second day of June — 1847 and will expire on the twenty second day of June ——— 1852 and his signature, as such, to the annexed instrument is genuine.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, this 28th ——— day of October 1848.

Thomas P. Treadwell, Secretary of State.

Increase

Brief in the Case of Betsy Duncan Widow of John Duncan Covered No. 354

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Sullivan County and State of New Hampshire

Act July 29. 1848.

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CLAIM FOR NEW PENSION CERTIFICATE,

PROOF EXHIBITED,

Application under Act of ~~of~~ of New Hampshire
at $ 31.66 per annum. Certificate returned.

Claim increased by Act, Resolution of Feb 18. 1866
Granted before 1866.

Admitted Aug 28. 1868 to a pension at $131.66
per Annum Commencing Sept 30. 1865. deducting all
Pay'ts made

Name and residence of Agent.
Ira Colby
Acworth
N. Hampshire

W E Frank
Examining Clerk.

Betsey Duncan of N.Y. widow
of John Duncan. pending claim
Act 29th July 1848

Transcript of Records Additional
Certificate

Wm Bryant. Agent. Blanden Mo

Town Clerks Office Acworth N.H.
June 6 1849

I C. M. Woodbury Town Clerk of Acworth, in the County of Sullivan, and State of N.H. Hampshire do hereby certify that upon a reexamination of the Records of Births in my possession as Town Clerk in order to a compliance with the suggestion made by the Commissioner of Pensions, in the case of Betsy Duncan widow of John Duncan, in his letter to her Agent John Bryant Esq. of Meredan N.H. under date of May 24, 1849. - find the record of the births of John Duncans children, by his first wife, to have been made under date of February 26th 1819. and those by his second wife, to have made under the same date.

Attest C. M. Woodbury Town Clerk

State of New Hampshire Sullivan ss.
Sworn & Subscribed to this 6th day of June 1849
Before me
I. N. Dearborn Justice of the Peace

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Secretary of State's Office.

I, **Thomas P. Treadwell,** Secretary of State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that Jonathan H. Dickey is an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Sullivan duly commissioned and qualified, and duly authorized by the laws of said State to administer Oaths, take the acknowledgment of Deeds, &c. His Commission was dated on the twenty seventh day of December 1848 and will expire on the twenty seventh day of December 1853.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, this 14th day of June 1849.

Thomas P. Treadwell

Secretary of State.

Belley Duncan Bel 2 Feb 1848 $31.66

Payment to be made at Concord
New Hampshire by
Israel W. Walby

Agent for paying Pensioners, in the
Agency of Concord
New Hampshire

Payable on the 4th September and 4th
March

Recorded in the Pension Office on the
Roll of Pensioners under act February
2d, 1848, Page 27 Vol. 1
Boots D.

J. P. Chase Clerk.

No. 354

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

## WIDOW'S PENSION.

I certify that in conformity with the act of ~~February~~ July 29th 1848,

Betsy Duncan

widow of John Duncan

who was a Sergeant in the revolutionary war,

is inscribed on the pension list at the rate of Thirty one dollars and Sixty Six cents per annum, commencing on the 4th of March, 1848, and continuing for life, unless she should again marry; in which case the Pension is not payable after the time of such marriage.

Given at the Department of the Interior

this 29th day of Sept.

one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine

Sept 1864

Mrs. Duncan

In Acmith 10 yrs

Pension Charlestown Mass.

Examined and Countersigned

J. L. Edwards

Commissioner of Pensions.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

PENSION OFFICE,

January 21 1856.

In conformity with the regulations of this Department, you have this day been transferred from the Roll of Boston, Mass to that of Concord, NH to take effect from and after the 4th of September 1855

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Commissioner of Pensions.

Mrs. Betsey Duncan,

U. S. Pensioner.

Concord

NH

Mass.

Betsey Duncan

transfer when Cer

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Oct. 19. 1855

a Sometime has elapsed,

The Regulations sent to

Mrs Duncan at Alstead

N. H.

To the Commissioner of Pensions

Dear Sir

Having removed my residence from Charlestown Massachusetts to Acworth New Hampshire and expecting to make the latter named place my residence for the future I would respectfully request of the Department for paying pensions to be transfered from the Roll of Boston Mass to that of Concord N.H. from and after March 4-1855

I am Sir respectfully
your obedient servant
her
Witness, Betsy T Duncan
Jesse Sladen mark
Acworth N.H. April 16-1855

Pension Agency Concord N.H.
January 5 1852

Sir

In reply to yours of Dec 31 1851
I have to inform you that Betsey
Duncan, a pensioner on the Roll of
this Agency under the Act of July 29 1848
was last paid up to Sept 4. 1851.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Israel W. Kelly Pen. Agent

Hon. J.L. Heath
Comm'r of Pensions
Washington D.C.

If transfer is desired
~~it is~~ application should
be made by affidavit
of the petitioner with
proof of his identity
according to the militia
regulations.

Transfer to Concord
Auburn Ex. and

# APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER.

County of Sullivan ss. State of New Hampshire

On this Fourteenth day of November 1855, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Sullivan personally appeared Betsey Duncan who, on her oath, declares ~~that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain in the Regiment commanded by Colonel in the service of the United States;~~ that her name was placed on the pension roll of the State of New Hampshire whence she has lately removed; that she now resides in the State, (~~District, or Territory~~,) of New Hampshire where she intends to remain, and wishes her pension to be there payable, in future. The following are her reasons for removing from Massachusetts to New Hampshire I now reside in Acworth N.H. where my late husband John Duncan resided, with my son where my home and support is,

Witness

Betsey her X Duncan
mark

Lyman Brooks

Sworn and subscribed to before me, the day and year aforesaid.

Greenville Gilmore Justice of the Peace

☞ The oath to be taken before a duly qualified Magistrate, whose official character and signature must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office. The County Clerk, Secretary of State, or some other officer, must certify, under his seal of office, that the officer who administered the oath is a Justice of the Peace, Judge, Mayor, Alderman, or Notary Public, as the case may be, and that the signature purporting to be his is genuine.

☞ The oath must be supported by the testimony of some respectable person as to the pensioner's identity. He must swear that the person who has taken the above oath is the person described in the affidavit. The Magistrate must certify that the witness is a person of veracity; and the affidavit must also be authenticated in the manner above directed.

☞ 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 be sent with the papers.

☞ *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 which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or small 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.

The above erasures and interlineations were made before the person signed and made oath to the application

Greenville Gilmore Just. Peace

I hereby ~~co~~certify that I am well acquainted
with ~~the married~~ Betsey Duncan who has signed the
within application and sworn to and she is the same
person she there represents herself to be—

Lyman Brooks

State of New Hampshire
Sullivan County, ss. Nov 14th 1855,

Sworn to before me
Greenville Gilmore Justice
of the Peace

I hereby certify that the above Lyman
Brooks is a person of truth and veracity,

Greenville Gilmore
Justice of the Peace

State of New Hampshire
County of Sullivan ss.

I J. W. Gilmore Clerk of the Court
of Common Pleas for said County, certify that Greenville
Gilmore Esq. before whom the foregoing declaration & judgment
was made, was at its date, a Justice of the Peace within
and for the said County duly qualified to take acknowledgment and that his Signature thereunto
genuine — Given under My Hand and the
Seal of the Court this 4th day of December A D 1855
J. W. Gilmore Clerk

Dept Photo

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Betsy Duncan -

$3166 /m Com. -

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Army Pension Agency

Boston 14 January 1856

Sir

In answer to your inquiry of the 9th inst. I have to inform you that

Betsey Duncan

a pensioner now on the Roll of this Agency at under the Act of 29 July 1848, at $31\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars per Annum was last paid to 4 September 1855.

To Hon Josiah Mixot
Comr of Pensions

Respy

J. T. Barnes
Army Pension Agent
per L. Blanchard

Claremont N.H. Aug 22, 1868

Com of Pensions

Dear Sir. please find En-
closed application of Betsy Truesdell. As she
is quite aged and needs the al-
lowance while she lives which may
be but a short time I hope there
will be no delay in adjusting the
case or calling for any additional
proof that you may require

Yours very respectfully
Leo Colby Jr

1841

John Duncan

May 19 1833 — 51

Haverhill — 1st

apl-1975 Enlisted 1st

Capt —

Ct —

Det 22 days

marched to Lexington

Upton Cambridge Boston

Sept 76

Capt Samuel Netherbee

Ct — Wyman

Sgt 9 mos

Richard Lt. Champlain

Mt Sandford

Sept 77 - Capt Wm Carey

Col Bellows

Sgt. 2 mos

80 Capt King

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Sgt - 9 days

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NH 1st Bat

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*Please return* .....

*with this slip.*

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MEMORANDUM.

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*Certificate No.* .....

*Name of claimant,* .....

*Name of soldier,* .....

*Service,* .....
(Company, regiment, and State.)

*Additional service,* .....

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*If unable to furnish service, give names of officers of company.*

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Wm Lochren
*Commissioner.*

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~~Oct. 26, 1848~~

Oct. 26, 1848
Hannah Ann - 74
married Betsey Prouty

May 15, 1794
died June 16, 1834. Lamoil

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witness Isaac Millard
Charlestown N.H.
Lazel Selsby Lamoil
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TEL. 101-1

MAPLE-LAWN FARM
R. F. D. 2
WINTHROP, MAINE

Sept. 21st 34

Bureau of Pensions
Would you please
send me the war records
of my ancestor in the
Revolutionary war -
Col John Duncan of
Acworth N. He.

Mrs. Charlotte Buswell
Winthrop
Maine
R. D 2.

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Secretary of Pensions

Sir

I wish to get information
of Mrs Betsey Duncan
widow of Col John Duncan
who served in the war
of the "Revolution" and
in the war of "1812" as
I am anxious to join
the Daughters of the American
Revolution, John Duncan
(my grandfather) was only
a private - in the Revolution,
He enlisted at
Acworth or Londonderry
NH before Sept 1777.
Any information will be thankfully rec[d]

Very respectfully
Mrs D. W. C. Gaskill

**IRA COLBY, JR.,**

**Attorney at Law, and Solicitor for Sullivan County.**

*Claremont, N. H.,* Oct 3d 1865

Hon Chas C. Cook

Dear Sir,

It is supposed that there is a mistake in the inclosed Cert. That the writing at the end of the cert should be "Deducting all payments made since Sept 30, 1865" instead of being as it is. Please have the correction made and return to me. The Agent at Concord does not seem inclined to pay the pensions as it now is on receipt of said addition

Very Respectfully

Ira Colby Jr