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1. Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th July 1838, entitled, "An Act Granting Half-Pay and Pensions to Certain Widows." (March 23, 1840)

State of New Jersey, Morris County, SS:

On this 23rd day of March, [Anno] Domini 1840, personally appears before the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County of Morris,

Mary Baird, a resident of Morris Township, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, aged 75 11/12ths 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 7th, 1838, entitled, "An Act Granting Half-Pay and Pensions to Certain Widows":

I am the widow of John Baird, who was a soldier of the New Jersey Militia, Somerset County, and performed Militia duty in defense of his Country, in the Revolutionary War, and who also performed duty in the Continental Army, as a Driver of a Wagon and Horses in the service of the United States, in the same war.

My said husband lived in Somerset County when the war began, near the village of Basking Ridge, and near to the line which divides Somerset and Morris Counties. Captain Goin McCoy (or as I am told the name was sometimes written Gawin McKoy) commanded the Militia company to which John Baird belonged, and this Captain McCoy lived in Basking Ridge. The first Militia duty of which I recollect hearing John Baird my husband mention, was performed at Springfield, in the beginning of the war under Captain McCoy and General Heard. It was early in December '76, just about the time of the taking the Hessians at Trenton, and my husband after the battle, was stationed with the Co. to perform guard duty in the neighbourhood of Springfield and Elizabethtown, which he performed for one month.

In the same winter (January '77) when the enemy occupied New Brunswick and Amboy as well as New York City, John Baird performed not less than two months of Militia service under Capt. McKoy, Col. Frelinghuysen, and General Winds, whose headquarters I understand was a few miles west of Amboy and of New Brunswick, where a large body of Militia was encamped all winter, and until the enemy left N. Brunswick in April. I have heard him speak of several skirmishes in which he was engaged that winter, viz. at Ash Swamp, Martin's woods, Woodbridge, and Short Hills. These 2 months which I claim for Militia duty by him, were as I understand from some of the witnesses, February and March '77. I also claim one month of Militia duty performed by my said husband, at Rahway, Elizabethtown Point, and Blazing Star Ferry, opposite Staten Island under Captain McKoy, in the summer season, July, doing guard duty.

I also claim on account of his Militia duties one month of service performed under Genl. Winds, Col. Seely, and Capt. McKoy at Pompton and on the Hudson River, in the fall of

the same year ('77). I claim also for one month of Militia duty down by the said husband, in March 1778, at Elizabethtown, as a substitute for Isaac Miller, in Captain Ward's company, under Col. Seely and Genl. Winds, performing guard duty. I also claim for one month of similar duty performed by him at Elizabethtown Point, in August '78, in captain McKoy's company, under Co. Seely's command. I claim also for one month Militia duty performed by my said husband at Hackensack and Aquakanack, under the same officers, in the fall of the same year, October. The services already stated, were performed by my said husband as a private soldier of Militia infantry, carrying his musket and accoutrements, amounting as I believe to 8 months of active and faithful duty performed by him, for which I claim an allowance, as his widow.

My said husband also performed other Militia duties in the war of the Revolution as an enlisted Team Drivers, or Wagoner, in the Continental Army of the United States, for which I claim to be allowed. He enlisted voluntarily in this service, as I believe in the year 1779 and served in that capacity. Of the precise year and month of his enlistment, I cannot now speak with entire certainty, but I hope to obtain some evidence more satisfactory on that point. He served for a time in the Brigade or Co. of Teams which was commanded then by Henry Southard, late a Member of Congress, and Mr. Southard's memory from age and infirmity has failed so much as to render him unable to recollect any particulars of his own service, or of any who served under him. I understand that Mr. Southard (now a pensioner for these services as a Wagon Master) has deposited his books, papers and memoranda, in the Pension office. If so, I deem them important testimony in relation to my said husband's enlistment and duration of service as a Team Driver, and pray to have the benefit of all the proof which can be furnished by an examination of them, or any other Documents which the Pension office of War Department may possess.

Daniel Doty served with him, but is not living. A man in Essex Co. whose name is Ely, was a Teamster, I understand is living, and I hope to obtain from him some evidence of my husband's services. My belief is, that he served from some time in the year 1779, as a Wagoner in the Continental Army, till the close of the war, for which I pray I may be allowed, or for so much as I may be able to ascertain by reasonable testimony. In December 1780, he was engaged in the Wagon service carting grain for the Army at Morristown, from the Raritan, which was a village in Somerset Co. now the County town and called, "Somerville." In January and in February 1781, he was engaged in the same business, viz. Carting Hay, Feed, Corn etc. from Basking Ridge and Long Hill (the same neighbourhood) to Morris Town, for the army, with Wagon, horses etc. with Doty and others of Southard's Brigade.

In March 1781 he was transferred from Southard's Brigade to Dixon's Brigade, still driving a team of horses, but not the same horses, but having all the appearance of a Continental Team Wagon etc. with several other teams, all engaged in carting Hay and other provender to the Army in Morristown. If "Dixon's" accounts and vouchers are upon the files of the Pension Office, or deposited in the War Department, I also pray that I may have the benefit of them, in support of my claim, as I have not been able to learn anything further of him as a Wagon Master, except what is stated by Isaac Bedell in his deposition,

upon whose testimony I claim for at least 3 months service by my said husband as a Team Driver in the Continental service and as much more as may be shown by the records in the office at Washington, or as may be sustained by proof from other sources, which I hope yet to find.

I was married to the said John Baird by the Reverend Mr. Kennedy, Minister of the Presbyterian church in Basking Ridge, in June 1783, in the presence of my brother, Abraham Bockoven, and in the presence of my brother's wife (not then married) both of whom are as I believe, yet living and whose evidence I hope to obtain. I learn there is no Parish record of Marriages, regularly kept by said Minister Kennedy at Basking Ridge, and I believe the fact is so. I have no record in my family of my marriage which is perfect. I have a fragment of a leaf of an ancient family bible (the book itself being worn out and gone) upon which fragment my husband's and my marriage was recorded as being on the 15th June 1783 – of which the last figure, viz. the “3” is missing, having been worn off, or torn off, leaving the figures 178 still visible. More than 30 years since, we purchased a new family bible, in which my husband has caused the births of our several children to be recorded. The title page of the New Testament, on which their names and the dates of their births are written, I send herewith, annexed by wafer to this Declaration, together with the fragment above mentioned, on which our marriage is recorded. The dates therein are the true times of the birth of our children respectively, as is the date of our marriage true, wanting only the figure “3” to make out the true year of our marriage, viz. 1783.

My husband the aforesaid John Baird, died at his residence in Morris Township Morris County New Jersey, on the day of April, 1807, the day I do not now remember.¹ I 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 before stated, 15th day of June, Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Three.

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written, before me, Peter A. Johnson, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Morris.

Mary Baird (signature)

New Jersey, Morris County

I, David B. Hurd, Clerk of Morris County, hereby certify, that Peter A. Johnson, Esqr. before whom the foregoing Declaration of Mary Baird, widow of John Baird decd. was taken and subscribed, is a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, duly commissioned and authorized, and that the signature of his name thereto (“Peter A. Johnson”) is genuine. Also I certify that Silas L. Condict, Esqr., before whom the several Depositions hereto annexed, of Lewis Condict, Abraham Bockoven, Elizabeth Bockoven, Isaac Bedell, William Cook, and Robert Young was taken and subscribed is a Justice of

¹ Mary and the other witnesses were mistaken! According to the records of Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church, John Baird died April 29, 1808, and not in 1807.

Peace in said County, duly commissioned and authorized. Witness my hand and the seal of my office at the Court House in Morristown, this 30th day of March, A. Domini 1840.

D. B. Hurd, Clerk (signature)

2. Declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress of the 3rd March 1843, granting pensions for one year to certain widows who have received pensions under the act of July 7th 1838. (September 5, 1843)

State of New Jersey, Morris County SS:

On this 5th day of September 1843, personally appeared before the subscriber, one of the Justices of the peace, in and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary Baird, personally known to me, a resident of Morris township in the County of Morris, aged 76 or 77 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following Declaration, in order to enable her to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed on the 3rd March 1843, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the revolutionary war.

I am the widow of John Baird, who was a Militia soldier in Capt. McKoy's company of Somerset Co., New Jersey, commanded by Generals Heard and Winds, and Col. Seely. He was also, after serving in the Militia from beginning of the Revolutionary war in 1776, till the year '79, enlisted and served as a Continental Team Driver under Henry Southard, Esqr., until March 1781, when he was transferred from Southard's Brigade of Teams, to Dixon's Brigade, where he served till the war ended.

This account of his revolutionary services I have had from my husband whilst he lived and from his fellow soldiers who served with him. I was a pensioner under the law of 1838, for a small sum, the precise amount I do not recollect, as my certificate was given up to the Pension Agent at Trenton when the last payment was made in 1841. And I respectfully refer the Commissioner of Pensions to my Declaration and Testimony now on file in the Pension Office, in support of my claim. And I respectfully claim a re-examination of the said Declaration and evidence, for the purpose of enlarging the sum allowed me, believing as I do, that my said husband's service were continued more than two years, and that I am equitably entitled to a full pension therefor.

I further declare, that I am still the widow of said John Baird. Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written.

Before me Silas L. Condict, J.P.

her
Mary X Baird
mark

3. Declarations of Abraham Bockoven and Elizabeth Bockoven, March 23, 1840.

State of New Jersey, Morris County, SS:

Before the subscriber a Justice of peace in and for said County, personally appeared Abraham Bockoven of Morris township, an aged man, known to me as a man of truth and unblemished character, who being first duly sworn according to law, on his oath saith as follows, viz.: I am now in the 75th year of my age since last May. Mary Baird, widow of John Baird decd. now applying for a pension on account of the Revolutionary services of said John Baird, is my sister. She was married to said John Baird, by Reverend Mr. Kennedy, Minister of the Presbyterian Church and Congregation at Basking ridge, in June, 1783. The precise day of their marriage I do not now recollect, but believe it was about the middle of June. I was personally present and saw them married, and my wife was also present, as a witness and guest, although we were not then married ourselves. My sister, said Mary Baird, was 18 ½ and about 2 months old when she was married. Said John Baird then lived in Somerset County, and remained in said County until 2 years after his marriage, when he moved over the Stream which divides Somerset and Morris, into Morris, where he remained till his death, which took place according to the best of my recollection and belief, in April, A. Domini 1807.

His revolutionary services were performed under Captain McKoy of Somerset, except those services which he performed as an Enlisted Wagoner of Team Driver. I always understood and belie that he served either as a Militia Soldier or Team Driver in the Continental army, nearly during the whole period of said war.

Mary Baird has not married since the death of her said husband John Baird, but is still his widow.

Sworn and subscribed at Morristown, March 23rd 1840, before me Silas L. Conduct, J.P.

Abm. Bockoven

Elizabeth Bockoven, wife of Abraham Bockoven, a woman of truth and good character, being duly sworn according to law, saith as follows: I am in my 75th year, was well acquainted with John Baird and with Mary Baird his widow, both before their marriage and ever since, till he died. I was present at their marriage, with Abraham Bockoven, now my husband. They were married at Basking Ridge, by Revd. Mr. Kennedy at his dwelling home, in June, 1783, and we were married in January, 1785. Said Mary Baird is sister to Abraham Bockoven, my husband, and she still remains the widow of said John Baird, who died in April, 1807.

Sworn and subscribed at Morris town, March 23rd 1840, before me Silas L. Conduct, J.P.

her
Elizabeth + Bockoven
mark

4. Declaration of Isaac Bedell, September 27, 1839.

State of New Jersey, Morris County, SS:

Before the subscriber a Justice of peace in and for said County of Morris personally appeared Isaac Bedell of said County, well known to me as a man of truth and fair character, who being by me duly sworn according to law, saith as follows, viz.: I am in the 77th year of my age, since the 21st day of August last, am a pensioner of the U. States for Militia service in the was of the revolution. Was a fifer in Capt. Peter Layton's Co. of Morris Co. Militia when I was but 13 years old. I lived with my father on Long Hill, Morris Co., close upon the line which separated Morris from Somerset County. Captain Gawin McKoy, lived just over the line, and in Somerset County and had command of the Company of Militia which was adjoining Capt. Layton's. I was personally well acquainted with John Baird who lived in Somerset County, close upon the Somerset and Morris County lines and he lived within the bounds of Capt. McKoy's company. In March 1778, I performed one month's Militia duty in Captain Ward's company, at Elizabeth town, as a substitution for my father John Bedell, in Col. Seely's Regiment, and under Genl. Winds' command performing guard duty. John Baird was there on the same service with me, and in the same Company, viz. in captain Ward's as a substitute for Isaac Miller, who hired John Baird to go in his stead. I stood guard myself with Baird several times during that month.

On my return home from that tour of service with John Baird in April 1778, my father John Bedell moved with his family from Long Hill, Morris County, into the County of Sussex, New Jersey, about one mile from the Delaware river, and I did not again see said John Baird until late in December 1780, between Christmas and New Years when I was on my way down from Sussex to Long Hill, I met said John Baird, in Basking ridge in Somerset County, driving a Continental Wagon with 4 horses, coming toward Morris town. Being old acquaintances, we stopped and had some talk together. He told me he had a load of grain, which he had brought from Raritan, and was taking it to the Camp at Morris town where the U. States Army then lay. Daniel Doty, another old acquaintance, was with him driving another team and several others, also with wagons and teams loaded and on the same service, then under Henry Southard Esqr., then commanding the said Brigade of teams.

I was then a weaver by trade, which I had learned in Sussex Co., and my old friends about Basking ridge urged me to stay and live with them, which I did, making my home with Thomas Kinnan, whose youngest daughter I afterward married. During the month of January 1781, and also in February '81, I often saw said John Baird carting Hay, feed and Corn, from Basking ridge and Long Hill, for the Army at Morris town, driving the farm wagon and horses, with Daniel Doty and others of Southard's Brigade. In March '81, John Baird came to my father-in-law's, Thomas Kinnan, with a team and wagon belonging to the Army and carted away a load of straw for the army, and drove off toward Morris town. He then told me they had transferred him from Southard's Brigade to Dixon's Brigade, and it was not the same set of Horses, but I recollect the waggon and team had all the appearance of a Continental team, harness, wagon cover and all, being branded or marked U. S. A. There were other Continental teams in company, and cared

away Hay and other provends from our neighbors near us. How long Baird continued in this team service I cannot tell. But I believe it was as late as the middle of March in 1781 when I last saw him so engaged.

I also knew the wife of John Baird before his marriage. She was Mary Bockoven, and they were married soon after the last of the war, about 1782, or '83. The precise year of John Baird's death, I cannot now tell, but I know his widow and verily believe she has never married since his death.

Sworn and subscribed before me, at Morris town, September 27th 1839
Silas L. Condict, J.P.

Isaac Bedell

5. Declaration of William Cook, March 26, 1840.

State of New Jersey, Morris County, SS:

Before the subscriber, a Justice of peace in aforesaid County, personally came William Cook of Hanover in said County and State, an aged man, believed by me to be a man of truth and good reputation, who having been duly sworn according to law, saith as follows. I am 80 years of age, was a Militia soldier of Morris County, and a Teamster or Wagoner in the Continental Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War. I was well acquainted with John Baird, in time of the Revolutionary War. He also was an enlisted Driver of a Continental team in the army of the Revolution and belonged to Somerset County, and I believe that Henry Southard Esqr. was the commanding officer of the Brigade or Company of Teams to which John Baird belonged. In the winter of 1779, when Genl. Washington's headquarters were at Morristown, I often fell in with said John Baird driving a 4 horse waggon marked U. S. A. and each of his 4 horses branded on the shoulder with the same letters. He brought provisions, such as flour and beef and port to Morristown, from Sussex, Easton, Trenton and elsewhere, which I have seen him deliver to the public stores at Morris town, what were then under care of direction of Col. O. Beale, Major Gamble, and Joseph Lewis. I have also seen him occasionally loading his train with provisions and at other times with Military stores, camp kettles, tents, clothing, etc.: to be delivered sometimes at Pompton, at West Point, or at Newbury. I was myself engaged as a Driver of a Wagon and horses in the same business, and often met said Baird and personally conversed with him as to his engagements and routes of driving etc. Daniel Doty of Somerset was often with Baird as Driver of another team, and I believe belonged to the same company or Brigade of teams. The time where said John Baird enlisted in this service, I do not know, but it was at Morristown in the winter of 79-80 that I recollect to have first seen him so employed and from that time through the years 1780 and 1781, he continued in the wagon service as I verily believe, as I saw him so engaged in each of those years, always driving a like wagon and horses and transporting Military stores, provisions, clothes, shoes, etc.

Sometimes I carted Material such as Brick and lumber for the building of public stores and hay, straw, feed, etc.: for the horses, Doty, Baird and others sometimes carted similar articles, I have seen Baird in this same business at Pompton, near New Windsor, Sussex, Easton, Trenton and at intermediate places, driving his team as aforesaid, in each of the years before mentioned, and as I believe, in every month of each year, Mr. Southard's sometimes with him, and at other times 4 or 5 or perhaps 6 or more Wagons in the same train. My engagement was with Captain Hunt and signed my name to an enlistment in a book kept by him for that purpose.

Sworn and subscribed at Morristown, March 26th 1840.

Before me Silas L. Condict, J. P.

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William X Cook
mark

6. Declaration of Robert Young, September 27, 1839.

State of New Jersey, Morris County, SS:

Before the subscriber, a Justice of peace in and for said County, personally appeared Robert Young, an aged citizen, well known personally to me as a man of truth, who being duly sworn according to law, on his oath declares as follows, viz.: I am now in the 89th year of my age, was an enlisted soldier in the Canadian campaign in the war of the revolution, and afterward a soldier in the Jersey Militia of Morris County in said war. I was personally well acquainted with John Baird, who resided near Basking Ridge in Somerset Co. near the line which divides Somerset from Morris Co. Said Baird married Mary Bockoven, daughter of George Bockoven, Esqr., who lived in Morris, and near the Somerset line. We formed our first acquaintance when performing Militia duty on the lines, and being nearly of the same age we became intimate. Returning home from a tour of Militia duty at Elizabethtown with Baird, I staid all night with him at his father's near Basking Ridge. The first tour of Militia duty in which I remember said John Baird was at Springfield in December 1776 and January '77. The enemy had crossed from Staten Island, and passing through Elizabethtown and Connecticut Farms to Springfield, were encountered by the Militia under General Heard and Williamson, and a short fight was had, and a number of Hessians were made prisoners by Col. Spencer and sent off under a strong guard to Morristown. John Baird was in this engagement under Capt. McKoy of Basking Ridge. The Somerset and Morris Militia were stationed along the lines between Elizabethtown and Staten Island a month, and John Baird remained with his Co. during that period. During that winter, and until April, the enemy occupied Brunswick and Amboy and a large Militia encampment was maintained all the time, under command of Genl. Winds and Genl. Dickerson, stationed a few miles West of New Brunswick and Amboy, and frequent skirmishes were had with the enemy, at Short Hills, Ash Swamp, Woodbridge, Bound Brook, etc. John Baird was on Militia duty on that station under Capt. McKoy and Col. Frelinghuysen not less than two months, from early in February to

the middle of April, one month of which time he was a substitute for one of his neighbors. I saw him often during that winter on duty. In the following summer, I remember John Baird engaged on a tour of Militia duty of a month duration at Elizabethtown point and Blazing Star Ferry, opposite Staten Island under Capt. McKoy and Genl. Winds, performing guard duty. Farmers came then, engaged in pulling their crops of flax, in July and August. I recollect John Baird upon a tour of Militia duty at Pompton and along the North river, under Capt. McKoy and Col. Seely and General Winds in the fall season, viz.: parts of September and October. We heard of Burgoyne's surrender whilst on this tour. We were so engaged not less than 5 weeks, Baird being with us the whole time. In August, after the Monmouth battle, I saw said Baird performing Militia guard duty one month, at Elizabethtown, under Capt. McKoy and Col. Seely. I recollect him also near Hackensack, in Bergen County, near a little fort called Pollifly one month, under Genl. Winds and Col. Seely, where we had a skirmish with the enemy. I remember him also at Aquakanack and along the Passaic River and at Wardsisson, now Bloomfield, where we had a fierce fight with the enemy, Genl. Winds commanding the Militia. It was in the fall of the year, when apples were plenty and ripe. We were stationed along the river between Aquakanack and Newark guarding the lines, not less than a month, and John Baird was with us performing the same duties. He was under Colonel Frelinghuysen's command. After this, I recollect seeing John Baird engaged in the United States service, as an enlisted Wagoner or Team Driver. He was in Capt. Southard's Brigade of teams part of the time, and in Dixon's part of this time. His wagon was branded or marked U. S. A. and his team of horses branded on the shoulders in the same manner. I often saw him so driving, with several other teams marked in the same manner, in the year '80, and in '81, and I believe also in '79. His load sometimes was flour or corn, and at other times Rum or Pork or Beef, sometimes Camp kettles, tents, etc. brought to or from Trenton, Easton, Raritan, and other places, and carried to headquarters at Morristown, Pompton, New Windsor, and wherever the wants of the Army required. I have frequently seen him carting Haw and other provender, and from the frequency of seeing him so employed in carting Military stores to and from headquarters at Morristown, I believe his server as a Wagoner was continuous in that Department till the war ended. He, the said John Baird was married about the close of the war to Mary Bockoven and he died about 30 years ago. His widow has not married since his death. Sworn and subscribed at Morristown, September 27th 1839.

Before me, Silas L. Condict, J. P.

Robert Young

7. Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress of 2nd February 1848, entitled “An act making further provisions for surviving widows and soldiers of the Revolution.” (August 28, 1848)

State of New Jersey, Morris County, SS:

On this 21st day of August, 1848, personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary Baird, a resident of Morris township, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, aged 82 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, assed on the 2nd February 1848, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war, and saith, I am the widow of John Baird, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and served as a Wagoner, if I mistake not, and received a pension under the act of June 7th 1832: for the details of his service, I refer to his declaration and vouchers on file in the pension office. I also received a pension from the United States as the widow of said John Baird of \$23.13/100 per annum under the law of July 1838, continued by other Laws not now recollected by date, the last one, probably of June 1844. And I refer the Commissioner of pensions to my declaration and vouchers on file in the Pension Office for further particulars. And I further declare, that I remain to this day, the widow of said John Baird.

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written, before me, Henry Stevens, Justice of the Peace of Morris Co.

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Mary + Baird
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8. Leaves from family bible enclosed with the applications.

John Baird, [owner of this] Book, was born May 26th A.D. 1760, and was Married to Mary Bacoven 15th of June 178[3]. Mary Baird....

William Baird was born 20 April, 1784

Margaret was born 2nd Aug. 1786

Mary was Born 22 March 1789

Elizabeth was Born 17th Nov. 1791

Hanah was Born 16th Oct 1796

John was Born 2 Aug. 1798

George was Born 17th Jan. 1801

Elisha was Born 12th Aug. 1803

Salley [?] was Born 7th Aug 1806 [This name often transcribed Calley, but was not clearly legible, even to the Pension office.]