



Connecticut 4717  
Abner Stoddard

of Watertown in the State of Connecticut  
who was a Pri. Corp in the Company commanded  
by Captain Leamp of the Reg<sup>t</sup> commanded  
by Col. Hooker - in the Militia  
line for

Enrolled on the Roll of Connecticut  
at the rate of 74 Dollars 17 Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Aug.  
1833 and Sept<sup>r</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup>. S. A. Foot Sec<sup>y</sup>

Amount to 4th of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1832 \$ 111.25  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4<sup>th</sup> March 1833. 37.08

\$ 148.33

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832 }

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Act. Mar. 30/55

Pinckney  
July 20/55

~~Private~~ Hottel

Asahel Hottel

Private & Corporal

Capt. 70

Cor. 70

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Rever. War.

Rever. Pensioner under Act Feb. 3/53

Feb. 53 - 3790

W. B. Allen, Jr. 1845

*[Signature]*

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Reg. Woodruff  
Litchfield  
Conn.

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Connecticut  
Ruhamah Hotchkiss

widow of Asahel  
son Hotchkiss  
who served in the Revolutionary

war, as a Private & Corp

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
74 Dollars 17

Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 3d February, 1853.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
3<sup>d</sup> day of March 1854  
and sent to

Henry Truler  
Hartford  
Ct.

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed  
June 7, 1832

State of Connecticut - County of Meriden } S. S. Town of Berlin  
Probate District of Cheshire

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Aug<sup>r</sup> 1832 personally appeared in open  
Court, before the Court of Probate for the District of  
Cheshire, Justice Court being a Court of record  
and hearing by the laws of this State, Abel Hatch  
and he is now sitting - Abel Hatch is a  
Resident of the town of Waterbury - County of  
Litchfield State of Connecticut - aged seventy two  
years the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1832 - 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<sup>th</sup> 1832 - that he entered the service of the United  
States under the following named officers  
and served as herein stated - that in the Spring  
of the year 1777 - He then belonging to one of the  
Militia Companies of the town of Waterbury  
was ordered for the term of six weeks to go to Palskill  
Captain Camp of Durham Commanded Appellants  
Company - Col. Hooker Commanded the Regiment -  
and General McDougal Commanded the Division  
stationed there - While here an express came for us  
to go to Danbury at the time the enemy burnt that  
place - We were marched to Brassfield and here learnt  
that the British had returned to their boats - and  
we were marched back to Palskill - where we  
were verbally discharged at the end of our six  
weeks term - In the fall of the same year 1777



increasingly enlisted either for three years or during the  
war - Was called home the very first of the summer on  
account of his wife having had three children at  
a birth he could not well be absent immediately  
he kind me to take his place for six months in the  
Regular Army - Applicant started from home in  
the month of June and reached the American Army  
which had come across this side the Delaware  
on Tuesday - And the next Sunday following the  
American & British Army fought the battle of Monmouth  
- In this battle Applicant was in Lieut. Division in  
Col. Purpells Regiment - Major - Capt. David Smith  
of Plymouth was brigade Inspector - And Theophilus  
Monson was Applicants Captain - In this battle  
Applicant was so melted down - Gen. Lee in-  
voking disobeys the order to have the troops leave  
their drapses & cloaths - That afternoon he  
founde clear tations in Connewats River  
pieces - which Physician said was melted  
in him on that day - In the fall of the year  
1779 Applicant was drafted into a Company com-  
manded by John Lewis of Salem town of Trustees  
for the term of two months - We were first  
marched to Stratford where we staid about one week  
next to Milford staid one night - Thence to West  
Avin staid four or five days - Thence to  
West Haven where we served out our time &  
were discharged verbally - In the month of  
April or May 1780 - Applicant enlisted in the town  
of Stratford into the Regular Army - and about the  
first of the month of May of that year we were

minutes in the town of Protating by Capt Isaac Brown -  
Once he sent us on to a plain nearly opposite West Point  
to a place called Nelsons Point - Then we were ordered  
together with a large number who were here at the  
same time, in marching wheeling to for at least a  
fortnight - Baron Steuben the Inspector General of  
the Army came up here and picked out of this  
body men for the light infantry and their substitute  
in case they were sick - and Applicant was  
selected out as one of the light Infantry &  
he was put into Capt Buels Company of Bangs  
and in Col Hensons Swifts Regiment - and he with  
all the light Infantry were under the Com-  
mand of the Marquis de Lafayette - who gave App-  
licant a black feather with a red tip, as well as  
every Soldier of the light Infantry - Very soon  
after Applicant was put into the light Infantry  
he was marched down to Pikes Kill - and a  
little below at Honey Spring he crossed the Protattians  
into New Jersey - where he was combined with  
the rest of the light Infantry under the  
immediate Command of Lafayette - Then we lay  
at different places - Totoway - Hamstead - Hackensack &  
last he was in a detachment sent into what was  
then called the English Neighbourhood - While  
we were upon this scout Andre was taken upon  
the East side of the River we being on the West  
We were left in three parts while the Brothers of the



West of the Army - was ordered up to West Point - We  
were finally ordered to Tappan - and here the wrong  
long showing returned from West Point - and here  
Applicant saw Andrew and was here when he was  
killed - tho he was not a Spectator of the Execution  
The Light Infantry being a little below - after  
the Execution we were in the Jerseys moving our  
Camp now & then until about the 1<sup>st</sup> of December  
when we were marched up to the highlands &  
then assisted in building huts for the accommoda-  
tion of the troops in winter quarters - previous to our  
going into winter quarters the Light Infantry were  
disbanded and sent to their respective Regiments  
from which they had been taken - On the month  
of December 1783 - Applicant was discharged, he  
cannot say whether under a general order to  
have the recruits go home or by a written order  
for all these towns Applicant claims the amount  
of nineteen months and two weeks - He cannot  
be mistaken unless with respect to  
the last enlistment - and as his name will <sup>probably</sup>  
be found on the roll of the Department - The  
Circumstances of his recollection can be tested by  
that - In reply to the queries of the Department  
Applicant states first - he was born in the town  
of Watertown, County of Westchester, State of Con-  
necticut on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 1760 - He has a  
copy of the record of his age from the town Clerk  
office of Watertown - which he presents in  
Court - He was living in the town of Watertown at the



State of Connecticut, Titchfield County ss. Watertown

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1874 personally appeared before me Lemuel W. Cutler Judge of the Probate Court for the District of Watertown in Open Court Ruhanna Hotchkiss a resident of Watertown in the County and State aforesaid Aged Eighty one Years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by Act of Congress passed on the 3<sup>d</sup> February 1858. granting Pensions to Widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War — That she is the Widow of Asabel Hotchkiss who was a private and Corporal in the Army of the Revolution and a pensioner of the United States on the roll of the Connecticut Agency in Hartford Connecticut under the Act of June 7. 1832 at the rate of Seventy four dollars Seventeen Cents per Annum (\$74<sup>17</sup>/<sub>100</sub>)

She further declares that she was married to the said Asabel Hotchkiss by the Rev. Frederick Holcomb in the town of Watertown aforesaid on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1835. and that her name before her marriage to the said Asabel Hotchkiss was Ruhanna Wakeman. That her said Husband died on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of ~~November~~ <sup>December</sup> 1841 — that she was not married to him prior to the second day of January 1800. but at the time above stated, and she further declares that she has ever since his death remained and now is his Widow.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day & year above mentioned before me  
And I certify that she is the identical Person she represents herself to be

Ruhanna Hotchkiss

Lemuel W. Cutler

Judge of Probate

for the District of Watertown Ct

I, Lemuel W. Cutler Judge of Probate for the District of Watertown hereby certify that on November 13<sup>th</sup> 1841 the foregoing Declaration was read and Decretal entered by me  
attest, Lemuel W. Cutler

This certifies that I married Asahel  
Hotchkiss to Ruthanna Wakeman  
in Watertown Con.  
before witness Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1835

Frederick Holcomb  
Clergyman of the Pro. Epis. Church

This May Certify that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November  
A.D. 1835 Asahel Hotchkiss and Ruthanna  
Wakeman were married by Rev. Frederick  
Holcomb as appears of Record -

Attest Lemuel W. Cutler

Watertown Jan 7 10<sup>th</sup> 1854 Town Clerk

State of Connecticut }  
County of Litchfield } ss. Water town

On this 1 day of June A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within & for said County in the State of said Rickamah Netchkiss aged Eighty two years a resident of Water town in said County & State who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Asahel Netchkiss deceased who was a private & corporal in the military service of the United States in the war of the Revolution, but she does not know in what Regiment nor who commanded his Company or Regiment, nor how or when or where he entered said service nor for how long, but that he continued in said service for more than one year, & was discharged. She knows not when nor where

She further declares & states that she was married to the said Asahel Netchkiss in said Water town in the year 1805, day & month not recollecting by the Rev. Frederick Helcott a Minister of the Gospel and that her name before her said marriage was Rickamah Wickham; that her said husband died at Skason farm on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1841, and that she is now a widow.

She declares that her husband was a pensioner under the act of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 at the rate of seventy four Dollars per annum on account of such military service; & that she is a Pensioner of the United States under the act of Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853 at the same rate as his widow, & for evidence necessary, in this application, she refers to the evidence on which they were pensioned.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of ob.

turning the bounty land to which she is entitled  
under the act approved March 8<sup>th</sup> 1855  
Richard <sup>her</sup> Hotchkiss  
mark

We Dayton Mattoon and Belinda Morehouse  
residents of Waterbury in the State of Connecticut  
upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration  
was signed & acknowledged by Richard Hotchkiss  
in our presence; and that we believe from the  
appearance & statements of the applicant that she  
is the identical person she represents herself to be  
and we further depose that we have been well ac-  
quainted with her for at least ~~Fifteen~~ <sup>Ten</sup> years &  
that she during all that time has been & still  
is the widow of Asahel Hotchkiss & that the word  
~~Fifteen~~ has been altered to Ten before our signing our names

Dayton Mattoon  
Belinda Morehouse

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn  
to & subscribed before me on the day & year above  
written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be  
credible persons; that the applicant is the person she  
represents herself to be; and that I have no interest  
in this claim. Serman W. Cutler Justice of the Peace

Dayton Mattoon  
Belinda Morehouse

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February 16, 1928.

Theodora P. Artz,  
302 S. Michigan St.,  
Plymouth, Indiana.

Madam:

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim No. 25787, it appears that Asahel Hotchkiss was born February 15, 1780 in Waterbury, Connecticut.

While residing in said Waterbury, he enlisted and served as private and corporal with the Connecticut Troops, as follows:

In the spring of 1777, six weeks in Captain Carr's Company, Colonel Hocker's Regiment; in the fall of 1777, two months in Captain Carr's Company, Colonel Thaddeus Cook's Regiment; from June 1778, six months in Captain Theophilus Monson's Company, Colonel Russell's Regiment, and was in the battle of Monmouth; in the fall of 1779, two months in Captain John Lewis' Company; and from April or May 1780, eight months in Captain Buell's Company, Colonel Heman Swift's Regiment.



He was allowed pension on his application executed August 7, 1832, while a resident of Watertown, Litchfield County, Connecticut. He died December 13, 1841 at Sharon, Connecticut.

Soldier married November 13, 1835 at Watertown, Connecticut, Ruhamah Wakeman.

She was allowed pension on her application executed January 24, 1854, while a resident of Watertown, Connecticut, aged eighty-one years.

There are no data as to children.

Owing to the very large number of similar inquiries and the lack of a clerical force available for the purpose, the Bureau is unable to make immediate reply to inquiries relative to soldiers of the Revolution.

This information is furnished by courtesy of the Government and without fee, and letters are being answered as rapidly as possible in the order of their receipt.

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT,  
Commissioner.