

GAGE, DAVID.

(Elizabeth, widow.)

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New Hampshire  
Service.

March 23, 1837, Elizabeth Gage of Pelham, New  
Hampshire, 82 years of age, deposed:

that she is the widow of David Gage, late of Pelham,  
New Hampshire, deceased;

that she was married to David Gage August 13, 1776, her  
maiden name being Elizabeth Atwood;

and that he died April 6, 1827;

that her husband enlisted in April, 1775 and served under  
Capt. Woodbury, Col. Stark, and she thinks he served eight  
months;

that in July, 1777 he enlisted under Lieut. Wilson, Col.  
Gregg and served two months.

Signed by mark.

March 1837 Town Clerk of Pelham, New Hampshire certified  
that the intention of marriage of David Gage and Elisabeth  
Atwood, both of Pelham, was published and recorded July 8,  
1776.

Jeremiah Tyler, Town Clerk.

Various papers were filed in support of this claim, among  
them being the following:

"Winter Hill, Ocober 5th 1775

David Gage of Captain Woodbury's Company in Colo. Stark's  
regiment has leave of absence for ten days.

. Jno. Sullivan B. Genl."

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"Bennington, September 16, 1777

Permit the bearers, David Gage and Richard Barker  
to Pass from this to there one hombes bing Rendred unfit  
for Duty by Reason of Sickness

Pr. ordor of Josiah Chais, Surgen"

"Sarjt. gages Meas

Lieut. Wilson

Ensign Gregg

~~JOHN TARDIE~~~~EMERSON CORLESSE~~

SAMLL MORISON "

"Sir Plese to deliver Provision for 30 men under the command  
of Lieut. Jesse Wilson.

September 11, 1777

David gage."

"Bennington, August 24, 1777

Loving Wife these Lines Come with My Love to you Hoping they  
will find you in good Helth: threw the goodness of god as  
they Leave me: I have had my Health Sense I Left Home As  
well as I Coula Expect. I Hav Not Heard anything from you  
Sense I Left Home. I Would inform you of ower Victory over  
ower Enemy as Wee Have Had Wonderful Success: ower ingage-  
ment Began about three of the Clock in the after Noon on  
Satterday the 18th instant and Lasted the Rest of that Day  
with a Little Sessation I Waus in the Biggest Part of it my  
Self But With the Blessing of god I Waus Prepared and Recived

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Now Wound and I Hope I may Be able to give god the Praise for  
over Victory in all over army Wee Lost But 30 Killed and 40  
Wounded and on the Enemys Side a Bout 300 Killed and 100  
Wounded & Seven Hundred Taken Prisoners ---

As I Suppose you Will Hear How it Waus Vary Soon ---  
I Would inform you Somthing of over Living which is Vary good --  
Beaff and Bread in Plenty and Saurs thats good: it is a  
ginnaral time of Helth in the army: in Left willsons Company  
~~the~~ ~~has~~ ~~one~~ Killed one wounded that Waus JOHN KINCADE  
Killed JOSEPH HOLINGS Wounded. RICHARD BARKER Desiers to  
Remembered to His Parents and Sais that you tell them if you  
See them that He Hes Had Somthing of an ill turn But geting  
Better I Have Nothing more to Right only Pelham men are all  
in good Helth only the forementioned ones.-----

I Would Have you Not fail to Right if an oppertunity Will  
allow and if you Have an oppertunnity Subscribe it to Colo.  
Moses Nikels Regement Left Jesse willsons Company.

So No more But I am your Loving Husband till Deth

David gage."

On the back is inscribed:

"To Mrs. David gage

In Pelham

with Care"

"Pelham August the 25 1777

Most Affectionate Husband after my kind Respects to you,  
hoping you are yet in the Land of the Living, I Send you

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these lines to inform You that both I and the child are in Good health at Present Blessed be God for the Same and if ever these lines overtake you I hope they will find you under the Same Enjoyment. I have heard of the Battle that General Starke has had with the Enemy and I Expect that you and the Rest of our Pelham men was in the Battle which makes me feel very Malancholy Expecting every Day to hear Bad news from you But I hope for the Best for the Lord who is Able to Do all things can and will if he sees fit Return you to your friends again. I would Inform you that it is a general time of health in this Place and they are all well at Father Atwoods and Desire to be Remembered to you and your Brothers and Sisters are all well and Desire the Same and Brother Pierce has secured all your hay into your Barn. Lieut. Willsons family are all well. I Should be Glad that you would Send us a letter as Soon as Possible. So no more at Present but I remain your Most affectionate Wife.

Elizabeth Gage

Mr. Gage Sir

As I have been writing I would jest let you know that I am alive and that I long to be with you but I Cannot Remember me to all Pelham men tell AMOS JOHNSON that his family is well anybody that will take the trouble to Send me a line I shall receive it kindly and they Shant be long without an anser from your friend

Abel Gage."

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On the back it is addressed:

"To Seargt  
David Gage  
in Colo Graggs  
Regiment in Lieut.  
Willsons Company."

"Bennington Septr the first 1777

Loving Wife I Have this time an oppertunity to Right and Do  
gladly improve it to inform you that I am yet in the Land  
of the Living and in Perfect Helth and Blessed Be god for  
it & I Hope when these Lines Reach you they will Find you  
in the Same State of Helth they Leave in I Would inform  
you that I Received your Letter with grait Pleasure to  
Hear than you Waus in So Comfortable a State of Health and  
the Rest of my Friends I Would inform you that I Have Bin  
in a Vary Worm ingagement in which wee Had Wonderful Success  
as it is Likely you Have Heard more of the Peticulars than  
I Have Time to Right. I Have Nothing Strainge to Right only  
that Pelham men are all in Pritty good Helth and ower Living  
is Vary good at present for ower money and that Wee Have  
Plenty.-----

I Disier to Be remembered to Father Atwood and mother  
& all the Family & to my mother gage and my Brothers and  
Sisters and all inquiring Friends --- So No More But I  
am your Kind and Loving Husband

David gage

To Elizabeth gage."

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On the back is the address: "To Mrs. David gage In Pelham  
With Care."

July 7, 1837 Elizabeth Gage of Pelham, New Hampshire  
added to her former testimony that her deceased husband  
served during the winter and spring of 1775-6 as a Sergeant.

Signed by mark.

July 4, 1837 EDMUND TENNEY of Pelham, New Hampshire,  
66 years of age, testified to service with soldier near  
Boston, Massachusetts in the winter and spring before the  
British evacuated Boston. "We started together from Pelham  
and messed together during the whole term and returned to  
Pelham together."

Edmund Tenney

July 7, 1837 Nathan Gage of Pelham, New Hampshire  
testified that he is a son of David Gage and Elizabeth  
his wife; that his mother has lived with him ever since  
his father died; that he often heard his "father say that  
he was appointed a Sergeant while in the Service & that  
he gave the Company a Bottle of Westindia Rum on the  
occasion --- the Bottle is still in my possession and is  
marked D. G. 1776. It formerly was the practice to  
present spiritous liquors to friends who called and on  
those occasions I have often heard him say when he set  
that Bottle on the table that that was the bottle he  
bought when in the army & filled with Westindia rum to

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treat the company with when he was appointed Sergeant.

Nathan Gage."

July 7, 1837 ENOCH HOWARD of Pelham, New Hampshire 88 years of age, testified to service with soldier for eight months from May, 1775; that he saw him every day and thinks that he served as Sergeant the latter part of the time.

Enoch Howard.

March 38, 1837 SETH CUTTER of Pelham, New Hampshire, 78 years of age, testified to service for eight months in same company with soldier; also that they were in the Battle of Bennington in 1777 together.

Seth Cutter

March 22, 1837 ABEL GAGE of Pelham, 81 years of age, testified that he was a near neighbor of soldier, saw him at Cambridge, Massachusetts in December 1775 and knows that he then belonged to the army which was stationed there; knew of his enlistment in 1777 and often heard him say he was in the Battle of Bennington.

Abel Gage.

March 18, 1837, Rev. John H. Church D.D. of Pelham, New Hampshire, certified that among the records of Marriages solemnized by Rev. Amos Moody, the former minister and immediate predecessor of deponent he finds the following entry:

"1776, August 13 Married David Gage to Elisabeth Atwood both of this town."

John H. Church

GIBSON, JAMES.

(Isabell, widow)

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New Hampshire Service.

September 27, 1843, Isabel Gibson of Deer Isle, Hancock County, Maine, 85 years of age, deposed:

that she is the widow of James Gibson who served, she believes eight months in 1775; also in 1776, 77, 78 and 79;

that she was married to James Gibson March 16, 1780 by Rev. Samuel Cotton;

and that her husband died March 3, 1812.

(signed) Isabell Gibson

Michael Pressey, Justice of the Peace before whom the deposition was taken, certified that Mrs. Gilson, whom he knew, was not able to leave her home.

Michael H. Pressey

Jane Barbour certified that Mrs. Gibson who lives in the house with her has not left the house for several months past.

Town Clerk of Litchfield, New Hampshire certified that the marriage of James Gibson and Isabell McGlothlin March 16, 1780 by Rev. Samuel Cotton was recorded on the books of the town by JONATHAN PARKER then town clerk.

Isaac N. Center.

Certificate from New Hampshire as to the service of a James Gibson in Capt. Isaac Baldwin's Company in 1775; in Capt. James Ford's Company in 1777;

in Major Daniel Reynold's Company in 1779; five months of the time serving as Corporal.

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September 21, 1844 John P. Johnson of Deer Isle certified to the feeble condition of Mrs. Gibson and that she is entirely blind.

John P. Johnson.

September 21, 1844 Jane Barbour of Deer Isle, Maine testified that she had been acquainted with James and Isabell Gibson for many years; they lived in Merrimack, New Hampshire until 1790 when they moved to Northport, Maine and soon after to Deer Isle, Maine; that she (deponent) moved from Merrimack to Deer Isle in 1792 and lived near them until James Gilson's death in 1812 etc.

Jane Barbour.

Claim allowed and Certificate 6420, Maine Agency, was issued November 26, 1844, Act of March 3, 1843 for service of James Gibson as private and corporal.

Note. The words Gibson and Gilson seem to have been used interchangeably by the scribe in preparing the application.