

SERVICE

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Alford, Elijah

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22. *State of Ohio* - On this sixteenth day of October
Putnam County personally appeared before me
Robert M. Bigley a Justice
of the Peace for Windham Township Putnam
County & State of Ohio William H. Bigley a
resident of Windham Township & County of Putnam
Ohio. He is a soldier to land with his father Joseph
Bigley. The Bigley of Windham Putnam
County and State of Ohio who died on the eleventh
day of April 1832. entered with me as a minute
man in October 1774 and was displaced as such
until we had orders to march to Boston which
was on the 22^d of April 1775 and was then formed
into a company commanded by Capt Thomas Bell-
iams and was annexed to the regiment commanded
by Colonel John Patterson and remained in the
service until the end of that year then
re-entered with me as a soldier again and
served in the company commanded by Capt
Moses Ashley and in the regiment commanded
by Colonel John Patterson and we marched to Mon-
treal Upper Canada where Oliver H. H. and
others were detached to go to the Cedars
where he was taken by the British and Indians
at the time of these two enlistments he resided
in the town of Becket County of Berkshire State of New York
until and that the said H. moved from
the town of Becket to Windham Putnam
County and State of Ohio where he resided
until his death and at the time of his
death he was seventy five years of age
15th Messenger

Personally appeared before me the subscriber
a Justice of the Peace of Windham Township
Putnam County and State of Ohio the above John
McBrine who on his oath with say that the
above declaration subscribed by him is true
I further certify that John McBrine is not able
to attend the Court of Common Pleas on account of

infirmary and again }
Oct. 10th 1832

Robert McKigley Justice Peace

They may certify that I became acquainted with Elijah Afford late of Windham in January 1817, and knew him well until his death in April 1832, during which time he was regarded as a man of strict veracity, and sustained a good moral character and it is further certified that I have frequently heard the said Afford say, that he performed service as a soldier in the revolutionary war, and I have full confidence in the truth of his declaration. Joseph Treat -

Personally appeared before me the subscriber this 16th day of October 1832 The Reverend Joseph Treat of Windham County ~~State~~ of Portage State of Ohio and declared upon his oath that above certificate signed by him is true

R. M. Higley
Justice Peace

This certifies that I have been acquainted ^{with} Elijah Afford late of Windham Portage County State of Ohio during the last thirty years of his life and that he sustained a good moral character and that I well believe him to have been a man of truth and veracity also I have frequently heard the said Afford say that he served in the Revolutionary war also that he was taken prisoner by the British and Indians at the time he was detached to go to the cedars

Thos. M. Messinger

Personally appeared before me the subscriber this 16th day of October the above named Thos. M. Messinger of Windham Portage County State of Ohio and declared upon his oath that the above certificate subscribed by him is true

R. M. Higley
Justice Peace

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BRIEF in the case of
of *Patage*

Elijah Alford deceased, late
of the State of Ohio - by Bill Messinger
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *a Just. Peace*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity? *Yes*
3. How old is he? *was 75 when he died on 11 Apr. 1832.*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Duration of Service			Rank	Name of General and under whom he served	
Years	Months	Days	As a	Gen	
			<i>private</i>	<i>Bill Messinger</i>	
				<i>Capt. Miller</i>	
				<i>Capt. Miller</i>	
				<i>He has lost his service book and is not</i>	
				<i>possessed by the State of Ohio -</i>	
				<i>deponent says he has seen the</i>	
				<i>book in the State of Ohio</i>	

What battles was he engaged? *Monmouth.*

Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Beck's, Berkshire Co. Mass.*

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?
The declaration was taken before a J. Peace. And it does not
appear that the person who makes it is either Admin. or Executor of
E. Alford
I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

W. C. Carter
Examining Clerk.
20 Feb 1833