

EBENEZER DURAND Revolutionary War Pension File

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Service ¹		Number
Conn.	Durand, Ebenezer	W25547 ²
	Polly	B.L.Wt. 13202-160-53 ³

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4? 240
Iowa
Polly Durand,
**[W]idow of Ebenezer Durand
who served in the Revolution-
ary war, as a Private
Inscribed on the Roll at the rate**

¹ Items in **Arial** boldface are printed, as opposed to handwritten. Arial regular means typed.

² Widow file No 25547

³ Bounty Land Warrant 13202, 160 acres, by 1853 Act of Congress.

of 80 Dollars 00
Cents per annum, to commence
on the 3d February, 1853
Certificate of Pension issued
12th day of June 185[?]
and sent to
Hon Richard M. Youn[g?]
Pres[ent?]
Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act
[Febr?]uary 3, 1853, Page 200 Vol. a

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This sheet has a left and a right part. There is nothing on the left part except for "Vol. D. 153." at its bottom. The right part has this:

107,801. Mar 3, 185[?]
Apr. 30, ...
Polly Durand, widow of
Ebenezer Durand, Priv.
Ct. Contl. line,
[Ent?].-
Dis. -
Revolutionary War
Pensioner[s]
Iowa Feby 53 - 4240
[Ad?:] 160 acres Dec^r. 27th/55,
Richard M. Young
[unreadable line]
[The following is written diagonally across the above lines]
No 13,202 of Dec 28/55

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107,801.
Declaration
of Polly Durand of Iowa
widow of Ebenezer
Durand for Bounty
Land under act of
March 3, 1855.
Revolutionary War.

Richard M Young atty

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Declaration for Bounty Land under act of
March 3rd, 1855
State of Iowa
Benton County} &ct.

This day personally appeared before me Elijah Evans a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid. Polly Durand aged Eighty years, residing in the County of Benton and State of Iowa, who being first duly sworn according to law, declares upon her oath that she is the identical Polly Durand who lately applied for and received a pension as the widow of Ebenezer Durand for services rendered by him during the revolutionary war. That the said Ebenezer Durand was a United States Pensioner, and drew a pension of \$96 per year for services rendered in the Revolutionary, under act of June 7, 1832, until his death. That she filed her application for a Pension in the Pension office on, or about the 1st of May 1854, under the act of Congress of February 3rd, 1853, and received a Pension Certificate dated June 12, 1854, for a pension of \$80 per annum from February 3, 1853 during life or widowhood, and that she is still a widow. That she has never heretofore received bounty land under any act of Congress whatever, and now applies for the 160 acres to which she is entitled under the act of Congress of March 3rd, 1855, as the widow of a

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a [sic] revolutionary soldier. She refers to the Declarations of her late husband and herself and the accompanying paper in the Pension Office as evidence of the truth of her said statements. And finally she appoints Richard M Young of Washington City her attorney in fact to prosecute her said claim to Bounty Land and to receive her land warrant therefor when ready for delivery.

[signed] Polly Durand [seal]

Two witnesses attest:

[signed] George W Durand

[signed] Laura Durand

State of Iowa
County of Benton}

The above declaration was subscribed and sworn to by the said Polly Durand, and attested by the said George W Durand and Laura Durand before me this 12 day of April 1855. I further certify that the said witnesses are residents of the County of Benton and State of Iowa, who being duly sworn, declared upon their oaths, that they were personally well acquainted with the said Polly Durand and know her to be the identical person she describes herself to be in and by her said Declaration, and that she is now a widow, and a United States Pensioner – I further certify that they are credible witnesses, and that I am not interested in the said application for Bounty land. Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of April 1855.

[signed] Elijah Evans J.P. [seal]
of Benton County, Iowa

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State of Iowa
County of Benton & ct

I David Robb Clerk of the District Court, within, and for the County of Benton and State of Iowa, do hereby Certify that Elijah Evans Esquire, whose name is signed to the foregoing Certificate, now is, and was at the time of signing and sealing the same, a Justice of the Peace, within, and for the County of Benton and State of Iowa, duly elected, commissioned and qualified to office; and that the foregoing is his genuine signature, and in his own proper hand writing.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said Court of the Clerk's office in Vinton this 12th day of Apl. 1855

David Robb Clerk
[signed] David Robb, Clerk
District Court
Benton Co. Iowa

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State of Michigan
County of St Joseph

Ahira Brooks of said County
being duly sworn according to law
by and before me William Allman a Justice of the Peace
in and for said County of St Joseph, duly authorized to
administer oaths, says that he is now a resident of
the township of Sturgis in said County of St Joseph and has
resided therein for twenty years last past, and that he
formerly resided in Litchfield County & State of Connecticut
that he is now ninety four [overwrites "three"] years of age and
that was formerly well acquainted with Ebenezer Durand
and also with his widow Polly Durand that her
maiden name was Polly Stow that she married
Ebenezer Durand in the County of Litchfield and State of
Connecticut, that I lived a near neighbour to said
Ebenezer and Polly Durand, that they cohabited together
as husband and wife and were always reported as
married, they lived together as such for a number of
years, that the said Ebenezer Durand died during
the winter of 1826 as he thinks, and was buried
in Litchfield County Connecticut, that the said
Ebenezer was a soldier in the Revolutionary War
and that he afterwards drew a pension during
the term of his natural life, that the said Polly
being left a widow, has remained such widow
ever since that time, never having married again

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that she had [^]only one son by said Ebenezer Durand
whose name is George Durand and that he now
lives in the state of Iowa, that the said Polly
was the only wife the said Ebenezer Durand ever
had [^]to my knowledge, that she resided with him as such at his
death aforesaid, and that she afterwards removed
from the County of Litchfield, Connecticut, to
the County of Branch in the State of Michigan,
that she now lives in the State of Iowa,
that I have been acquainted with the said Polly
for over seventy years, have known her ever
since she was a child, is a sister to my
wife and know the above facts of my own

knowledge

[signed] Ahira Brooks

Sworn to & subscribed

before me this 6th day of May 1854

[signed] William Allman Justice of the Peace

Harriet H Bacon, being by me duly sworn according to law says that she is now fifty five years of age that she is now a resident of the township of Sturgis in said County of St Joseph Michigan, that she has resided therein for upwards of twenty years, that she formerly resided in Litchfield County, Connecticut, that I have been personally acquainted with Polly Durand for upwards of fifty years, that she is the identical person who was married to Ebenezer

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Durand in the said County of Litchfield aforesaid in the month of June 1810, by a Presbyterian minister named Beech, I was present at the marriage, they were married at my father's house, they lived together as husband and wife until his death which occurred I think in the winter of 1826 he died in said County of Litchfield aforesaid she Polly Durand lived with him until his death she had only one child by the said Ebenezer a son [^] now about forty three years of age whose name is George Durand and lives now in the State of Iowa, the said Polly has continued a widow ever since the death of said Ebenezer that she now lives in the State of Iowa, that she removed from Litchfield County aforesaid about twenty years ago to the County of Branch Michigan and that she removed to the State of Iowa about two years ago and now remains the widow of said Ebenezer Durand, that I lived a near neighbour to said Ebenezer Durand and Polly Durand was present at their said marriage, and was present at and attended the funeral of the said Ebenezer, he was buried in the aforesaid County of Litchfield, that for several years previous to his death the said Ebenezer was a Revolutionary Pensioner, I frequently saw his Pension papers I know the above statement of my own personal knowledge

[signed] Harriet H. Bacon

Sworn to & subscribed before

me this 6th day of May AD 1854

[signed] William Allman Justice of the Peace

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State of Michigan
County of St Joseph}

I William Allman the justice
of the peace before whom the foregoing
affidavits of Ahira Brooks and Harriet H Bacon were
taken do certify that I have been personally acquainted
with said Ahira Brooks and Harriet H Bacon for
fifteen years last past, and that I do believe them
to be persons of good repute in community, and are
in every way entitled to confidence, they are persons of
truth and veracity, and I further certify that I am
not directly, or indirectly interested or concerned in the
prosecution or result of the case or application referred
to

Given under my hand at Sturgis in said County
of St Joseph this 6th Day of May AD 1854

[signed] William Allman Justice of the Peace

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Declaration of Polly Durand
of Iowa for a Pension
under the act of February
3, 1853

Richard M Young Attorney

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*Declaration of a widow for a Revolutionary pension under the acts of Congress of July 29, 1848,
and February 3, 1853.*

State of Iowa

County of Benton } &ct

**Be it remembered, that on this 20th day of April, in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, personally appeared before the Judge
of the County, court within and for the county and State aforesaid, Polly
Durand, a resident of the county of Benton,
and State of Iowa, aged Seventy Nine 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 acts of Congress of July 29, 1848 and February 3,
1853, granting pensions to the widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war; that**

she is the widow of Ebenezer Durand, deceased, who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Leavenworth, or Capt. Elijah Humphrey, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Return Jonathan Meigs

in the Revolutionary war; that her said husband entered the service as aforesaid on or about the year A. D. 1778, and left the service about the year 1782; that the names of the officers under whom he served were Capt. Leavenworth, or Capt. Humphrey, and Col. Return Jonathan Meigs – That he enlisted or entered the service January 16, 1778, and was honorably discharged September 1, 1782.

that at the time he entered the service he resided in the county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut.; That the said Ebenezer Durand applied for, and obtained a pension in the Autumn or Winter of the year 1823 for ninety six dollars per year. That he then resided at Barkhamsted, in the County of Litchfield, and State of Connecticut, and that his name was on the Pension Rolls of that State;

that she was lawfully married to the said Ebenezer Durand, in the county of Litchfield, and State of Connecticut, on the first day of June, A. D. 1810; that her name before she was married to the said Ebenezer Durand was Polly Williams; that her said husband died in the county of Litchfield, and State of Connecticut, on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1826; and that she was married to him at the time above stated. She further declares that she is now a widow; and, finally, she hereby constitutes and appoints Richard M. Young, of Washington city, her lawful attorney, to prosecute her said claim to a pension, and to receive her certificate of pension when ready for delivery.

Two witnesses—Attest:

[signed] George W Durand

[signed] Laura Durand

[signed] Polly Durand

[SEAL.]

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I, John W. Forsyth, presiding judge of the County court within and for the county of Benton, and State of Iowa, do hereby certify, that the foregoing declaration was subscribed, and duly sworn to by the said Polly Durand in open court, before me, and in my presence, in conformity with law, on the 20th day of April, A. D. 1854. I also certify, that George W. Durand and Laura Durand, resident citizens of the county of Benton, and State of Iowa, whose names are also signed to the said declaration as subscribing witnesses thereto, are personally well known to me to be persons of respectability and credibility as such; and

who, being first duly sworn according to law, testified in open court that they were personally well acquainted with the said Polly Durand, whose name is signed to the foregoing declaration, and know her to be the identical person she describes herself to be in and by the same, and that she is now a widow.

Witness my hand and the seal of Benton
County affixed at Vinton this 20th day of April
AD 1854

[signed] John S. Forsyth
County Judge

[SEAL.]

State of Iowa

County of Benton } &ct

I, [I. C. Baer?], clerk of the District

court within and for the county of Benton, and State of Iowa,

do hereby certify, that the Hon. John S Forsyth,

whose name is subscribed to the foregoing certificate, now is, and was at the time of signing the same, the presiding judge of the said court; that such proceedings were had in the said court in the premises as are stated by him in his said certificate, and that his said signature is genuine, and in his own proper handwriting.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said court, at the clerk's office in Vinton, this 20th day of

April, A. D. 1854.

[signed] [I. C. Baer?] **Clerk.**

District Court

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Rev. and 1812 Wars Section.

December 19, 1923.

Mrs. D. E. James,
823 High St.,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Madam;

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension Claim, W. 25547, it appears Ebenezer Durand, while residing in Litchfield County, Connecticut, enlisted January 16, 1776 and served as a private in Captains Leavenworth and Elijah Humphrey's Companies, Colonel Return Jonathan Meigs' Connecticut Regiment, and was discharged from the 4th Connecticut Regiment, September 1, 1782, as unfit for duty, and was allowed pension, for disability from September 1, 1783.

In 1823, he was living in Barkhampsted, Litchfield County, Connecticut. He died in Litchfield County, Connecticut, January 31, 1826.

Soldier married in Litchfield County, Connecticut,
June 1, 1810, Polly Stow Williams, she was allowed pension

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on her application executed April 20, 1854, while a res-
ident of Benton County, Iowa, aged seventy nine years.

They had only one child, George W., who was living
in Benton County, Iowa in 1854, aged about forty three
years.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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WIDOW, &c.
File No. 25,547
Polly Durand
Wid. of
Ebenezer Durand
Pnsr. Rev. War
Act Feb, 3rd 1853.
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[Arrangement of 1870.]

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Dec 28 98
H Durand
NY [?]

1906 May 11 - History to
Ray E. Mayham [initialed?]

1913 Nov. 14. History to Miss K.
A. Prichard. c[initialed?]

1923 March 31 – Hist. to Mrs. H. W.
Brockhurst [initialed?]

1923 Dec. 19 – Hist to Mrs E. E. James [initialed?]⁴

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13,202
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No. 4640
Polly Durand
Wid. of
Ebenezer.
[Letito?] R. M. Young 4^d May/54,
[act?]/53

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[?] Office
8th June, 1854
Sir: Please Certify [?]
to which the within named
Pensioner was paid, or the date
of his death.
Very Respectfully,
[signed] [?]
Commifsioner

Francis Burt, Esq^r.
[?], [?]

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Ebenezer Durand, Invalid, \$8 per month Died 31st
Jany 1826. Paid.

F. Burt
Auditor

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[?] Middlesex Co – Inv. Pen. 1835

⁴ These [?] items might be initials of the persons who sent the corresponding histories.

Connecticut
 Ebenezer Durand
 Private
 in the army of the U States
 Inscribed on the roll of the
 Connecticut Agency at the
 rate of \$5 per month, increas[ed?]
 to \$8 by the Law of the 24[th?]
 April 1816 to take effect
 from the pafsage of the Act

Formal Certificate of
 Pension ifsued 12th Jan^y
 1824, and sent to W^m
 G. Williams Esq^r.
 New Hartford,
 Cont

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[?] letter to W G Williams
 3 October 18[2?]3

43.20
2
 86.40

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By His Excellency George Washington Esq^r General
 and Commander in Chief of the Forces of the
 United States of America

Ebenezer Durand Soldier in the
 fourth Connecticut Regiment, being from various
 causes afsigned in a Certificate under the hand
 of the Inspector of the Army of the United
 States unfit for any farther duty either in
 the field or in Garrison, and having applied
 for a discharge. I do hereby discharge the
 the said Ebenezer Durand from the Service
 of the United State and do certify that
 he is entitled to the provision made by Congrefs
 in such cases, agreeable ^{to} their Act of the 23rd
 of April 1782

George Washington

By His Excellencys command
Jon^a Trumble J^{nr} Sec^r

The foregoing is a True Copy of the original
Certificate as on record in this office

Certified

Comp^t Office Hartford
March 7th 1798

By John Porter Comp^t

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State of Michigan
County of St Joseph } SS:

I, Cornelius D. Bennett, Clerk of the
Circuit Court for the County of St Joseph
do hereby certify that William Allman, whose name is subscribed
to the annexed affidavits, & Certificate, was at the time of taking
such affidavits a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, duly
elected and qualified, and duly authorized to take the same.
And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting
of such Justice and verily believe that the signatures to the said
affidavits and Certificate are genuine.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed the Seal of said
Court at Centreville this Ninth day of
May A.D. 1854. [signed] Cornelius D. Bennet
Clerk

[seal]

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New Hartford Ct Jany 3

Hon^b. John C. Calhoun
Secretary of [torn off]
Washingt[torn off]

[The following written vertically along left margin]
Mr Edwards

[The following written vertically along right margin]
Rec^d. 8 Jan. 1824

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[Same as Sheet 30 but rotated 90 degrees]

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[Same as Sheet 30]

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New Hartford ^(Con) Jan^y 3^d, 1824,

Hon^b. Secretary of War,

Enclosed is the Affidavit
of Eben^r Durand, taken agreeably to directions
received from the War Department, under date
of Oct^r. 3^d, 1823 – When the Certificate shall be
made out you will have the goodnefs to
forward ^{it}to me –

Respectfully, your obed^t.

Serv^t,

[signed] W^m G. Williams

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[The following written vertically as photocopied]
New Hartford

Free

Sep^t 27

Hon^b. John C. Calhoun
Secretary of War
Washington City

[The following written horizontally, some of it over the address above]
Mr Edwards

For New Certificate

Rec^d. 2 Oct. 1823

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[Same as Sheet 34 rotated 90 degrees]

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New Hartford (Cont.) Sept. 27, 1823,
 Hon^b. Secretary of War,
 Sir, Eben^r. Durand of Barkhamsted in the County, an Invalid Pensioner, whose Original Certificate is enclosed, has applied to the Bank of Middletown for payment; but was informed that he must obtain a new Certificate from the War Department. Should any thing further be necessary you will please to give me information. If not please to forward a Certificate to me.

I rec^d. a line from [I?]. L. Edwards Esq^r informing me that Earl[?] Sharp must state under oath what relation [I?]. D. Sharp is to him, & that [I?]. D. Sharp must state for what, & at what time E. Sharp became indebted to him, & that the debt is just in law & equity. [I?]. D. Sharp is the son of E. Sharp & has already given an affidavit, which was forwarded to the War Department some time since, in which, I believe, those facts are stated. He also appeared before the Superior Court at the time of the applicant's last declaration, others made oath to all these facts, & [shewed?] the

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notes which were given him by his father some ten or twelve years since, & ^{testifies} that they were given to him for debts which [^] he paid for ^{his} father. If, on examination of [I?]. D. Sharp's affidavit, it shall be found to be insufficient, Mr. Sharp will procure a new one. But he would wish to avoid the expence if pofsible.

Respectfully yours &c
 W^m. G. Williams

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Enlisted Jan^y. 16th, 78 – Dis^d. Sept 1st, 82

APPLICATION FOR A NEW CERTIFICATE.

State of Connecticut
County of Litchfield } **SS.**

On this 17th day of October 1823; before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said county of Litchfield personally appeared Ebenezer Durand of Barkhamsted in said County who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Elijah Humphrey in the regiment commanded by Colonel Return Jonathan Meigs in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the state of Connecticut ~~that~~ But has never ~~he~~ *received a* ^{formal} *certificate of that fact, under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War; which certificate, on or about the* ~~day of~~ *182*, ~~at or near~~

~~he~~

[signed] Ebenezer Durand

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

[signed] W^m. G. Williams Just. of the Peace

Notes. The last four blanks are left for the applicant to set forth the time, place, and manner of the loss or destruction of the original certificate,

The oath to be taken before a duly qualified magistrate, whose official character and signature must be properly authenticated,

☛ If the pensioner has never received a formal certificate, but has drawn his pension on a mere notification, as was the case in a few instances many years ago, he should leave out the above words in *italics*, and insert, in lieu thereof, "*but has never received a formal certificate, and now wishes to obtain one.*"

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[Seal]

I Frederick Wolcott, Clerk of the County Court, or Court of Common Pleas, within the County of Litchfield in the State of Connecticut, certify that William G. Williams Esq. was on the 17th day of October 1823, & now is, a Justice of the Peace within said County, legally commifsioned & qualified, & that

his name subscribed to the preceding Certificate is his proper handwriting.

Witnefs my hand & the Seal of said Court at Litchfield in said County this 31st day of December AD. 1823.

[signed] Frederick Wolcott, Clerk

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State of Iowa
County of Benton }

George W Durand of said County, being duly sworn according to law by and before me William C [Stanbery?] a justice of the peace in and for said County and State duly authorized to administer oaths. Says that Ebenezar Durand was his father and that the said Ebenezar Durand died on the 31st day of January A.D. 1836 that he the said Ebenezar Durand died in the county of Litchfield State of Connecticut and was there buried and that I then and there attended the funeral of the said Ebenezar Durand and that Polly Durand who is applying for a pension is the identical Polly Durand who was the reputed wife of Ebenezar Durand And that he was drawing a pension from the United States government at the time of his death And that she the said Polly Durand wife of Ebenezar Durand [?] is now the widow of the said Ebenezar Durand who was a United States pensioner as aforesaid Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23th day of May 18[54?]

[signed] George W Durand

[signed] William C [Stanbery?]
Justice of Peace

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State of Iowa
Benton County}

I William C Stanbery the justice of the peace before whom the within affidavit of George W Durand was taken do certify that I am well acquainted with the said

George W Durand and that I believe him
to be a man of good repute and in every
way entitled to full faith and confidence
in every sense And I do certify that
I am not directly or indirectly interested
in the prosecution of the within Claim
Given under my hand at Vinton Benton County Iowa
the 23rd day of May in the year of our Lord 1854
William C Stanbery
Justice of the Peace

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State of Iowa
Benton County}

I James C Baer Clerk of the District
Court of Benton County Iowa do certify
that William C Stanbery whose name
is subscribed to the annexed affidavit and
certificate was at the time of taking such affidavit
and making such certificate ^{was}a justice of the
peace in and for said county duly elected
and qualified and authorized to take the said
affidavit and make the said annexed certificate
and that his signature thereto is genuine
In testimony whereof I have hereinto set
my hand and affixed the seal of the
said Court at [Vinton?] Iowa the 25th
day of May 1854

[Seal]

[signed] J. C. Baer
Clerk District Court
in and for Benton
County Iowa

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Polly Durand
wid.
Ebenzer

Boynton

Recd June 7th 1854

[The following is written vertically and across "Boynton" above]

Hon Loren P. Waldo
Comm^r. of Pensions
Washington City

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[Same as Sheet 44, rotated 90 degrees]

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Washington City June 7, 1854
Hon. Loren P. Waldo
Com^r. of Pensions
Sir, Enclosed I send
you the evidence of the marriage of Polly
Durand, formerly of Connecticut but now
of Iowa, with Ebenezer Durand her late
husband, and proof of the death of Ebenezer
Durand, who was late a United States Pensioner
resident in Connecticut.

Will you please have these papers
filed with the application of Polly Durand for
a revolutionary pension under act of Feby 3, 1853
which was filed here a few weeks ago.

Very Respectfully &c
Richard M Young
Atty for Polly Durand
of Iowa

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**[B?]rief in the case of Polly Durand, widow of Ebenezer
Benton *County and State of Iowa*
act 3rd, Feby: 1853.**

Claim, (*"original, or "for-increase."*)

Proof exhibited, (*if original.*)

Is it documentary, traditional, or supported by rolls? If either, state the substance.

Husband was in service nearly four years.
Evidence thereof is found on Connecticut rolls & his
papers now upon file, upon which he was granted an
invalid pension
An [sic] witness testifies he was present at
the marriage & two others testify to general reputation

of marriage & cohabitation.

(If for increase.)

Has additional evidence been filed since the admission of the claim? Is so, what?

Hon Richard M. Young,

Present

Name and residence of Agent

[signed] [?]

Examining Clerk

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Washington City

May 1, 1854

Hon. Loren P. Waldo

Com^r. of Pensions

Sir, Enclosed I send you the

Declaration of Polly Durand of Benton County
Iowa, for a Revolutionary pension under the act
of February 3, 1853 as widow of Ebenezer Durand
dec^d late a U. S. Pensioner in Connecticut.

As soon as the evidence is received, it
will be submitted also.

Very Respectfully &c

Richard M Young

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[O?]. W. AND N. DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

May 9, 1906.

Searched by Gill

Original No.

Certificate No

Claimant,

Soldier, Ebenezer Durand

Service,

Rev. War

Remarks:

No claim except

Wid. 25,547.

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RECORD DIVISION**Department of the Interior****BUREAU OF PENSIONS****Briefed by** [initials?]**Claim No.****Certificate No.****Claimant****Soldier**, Ebenezer Durand

or " Duran

Service**Additional Service** 1812**No claim, State records** , 191**No claim, combination records** , 191**Remarks:**

Nov. 10, 1913.

No 1812 Surv. or Wid.

No O.W. Inv. or Wid.

[initials?]

[signed] N. W. Halley

Chief Division

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Sheet 5080 Pine Street
Waterbury, Conn.

Can you send me the record of Ebenezer Duran(d) mentioned as a pensioner receiving \$60 per year – on page 269 of Connecticut Historical Society: Collections Vol VIII, in the list of Schedule of Pensioners, 1813, particularly what may be personal.

Yours sincerely,
(Miss) K. A. Prichard

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Colo. Spgs. Colo.

Nov. 5, 1923

Commissioner of Pensions

Wash. D.C. [Stamped "U. S. Pension Office L Nov 8 1923"]

Dear Sir:

Will you please
give me what information
you have on services in
Revolutionary War of
Ebenezer Durand. Where
he enlisted, place and
date of birth, place and
date of death, and what
ever information you

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have.

Thanking you in
advance;

Yours truly

Mrs. D.E. James

823 High St

Colorado

Springs

Colo.

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Green Mt. Falls, Colo.,

Jan. 25, '23.

Commissioner of Pensions,

Wash., D.C.

My dear Sir:

Can you please assist me in finding the
Revolutionary war record of Ebenezer Durand, private,
who was given a grant of land for his services?

The original military bounty land warrant
issued to E. Durand signed by Pres. Buchanan
is at hand which states detailed facts of same.

I will gladly pay for your assistance in this.

Awaiting an early reply, I am,

Very respectfully,

Mrs. H. [?]. Brockhurst.

[Stamped: "U. S. Pension Office G Jan 29 1923"]

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11 West Milton Ave.,
Rahway, N.J.,
May 7, 1906

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir, If possible, will you please send me the record of Ebenezer Durand, who served in the Revolutionary War? We do not know from where he enlisted or with what regiment he served, but as it is understood that he received a pension, it is thought that perhaps your office will be able to enlighten us.

Thanking you in advance, I am,
Very truly yours,
Ray E. Mayham

[Stamped: "U.S. Pension Office L May 8 1906"]

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L. W. B.
W. 25547.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
WASHINGTON, D. D.,**

**O.W. & N. Div.
REVOLUTIONARY.**

January 9th, 1899.

Sir:-

In replying to your communications of the 5th inst., I would first beg to acknowledge receipt of letters from you dated December 5th, 20th and 27th, 1898, and two dated January 5th, 1899, to which this is a reply. It seems, however, that the opening clause of this Bureau's letter of December 28th, 1898, ("In response to your recent communications"), should be a sufficient acknowledgement of letters from you prior to that date, inasmuch as each related to the same subject.

⁵ This Bureau can furnish the military record of only such Revolutionary soldiers as were pensioned or whose widows were pensioned for their services.

Such of the original muster and pay rolls of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 as are now in the possession of the Government are on file in the Record and Pension Office, War Department. Original rolls and other records pertaining to service in the Revolutionary War may also be found on file in the archives of many of the original States.

Owing to your apparent entire ignorance of the practice and work of this Bureau I consider it proper to assuage your severe criticisms and also to reply to many inquiries included in yours of the 5th inst., by furnishing an exposition of that part of the Bureau work which has been the means of putting you to so much trouble.

With regard to furnishing information relative to Revolutionary soldiers, I have to state that there is no appropriation by Congress for carrying on work of such a character, but it is done simply as a matter[sic] of courtesy, and one clerk who is employed upon other and more important work of the Bureau has instructions to use any spare time which he may have in complying with requests for information concerning soldiers of the Revolutionary war, when the same is desired for genealogical or patriotic purposes. These calls are very numerous, amounting to several thousand annually; and often, owing to a pressure of other work, it is three or four weeks after receipt before they can be answered; and when it is taken into consideration that a great part of the regular work of the Bureau is nearly a year in arrears it should materially soften a criticism of a delay of three weeks for a reply to inquiries pertaining to work which, owing to there being no appropriation for its execution, cannot be considered "regular work of the Bureau."

Relative to the return of your communication of the 27th ult., which you consider stupidity on the part of the Bureau, you are advised that all mail addressed to the Bureau, (last year it amounted to over 3,871,500 communications), is received in what is called the Mail Division of the Office, where it is opened and the data contained in each communication furnishes the instruction to the clerk opening same for forwarding to that Division of the Bureau, (Eastern, Western, Old War, Middle, etc.,) in which it should receive proper consideration.

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If the communication contains no data, as was the case in yours of the 27th ult., the same is returned to writer for instructions.

Relative to your request for further information concerning Ebenezer Durand, I have to again invite your attention to this Bureau's letter of December 28th, 1898: ("It appears that the soldier received a pension for disabilities incurred in the service but the papers on file in the claim do not show date of commencement, date of application or place of residence at time of making application"). By this you must note the he did "Personally" receive a pension; but the papers not showing date of commencement it is impossible to state "how long". The rate of his pension was \$5.00 per month and was paid at the Connecticut Agency.

It is possible that further information concerning his pension can be obtained upon application to the Hon. Auditor for the Interior

Department, Treasury Department, this city.
Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Mr. Harvy Durand,
5 West 47th Street,
New York City.

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[Standard printed text. See Sheet 54]

L. W. B.
W. 25547.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
WASHINGTON, D. D.,**

**O.W. & N. Div.
REVOLUTIONARY.**

December 28th, 1898.

Sir:-

In response to your recent communications you are advised that Polly, widow, of Ebenezer Durand, made an application for pension on April 20, 1854, at which time she was 79 years of age and residing at Benton, Iowa, and her pension was allowed for the actual service of her husband as a private in the Conn. troops, Revolutionary war. In her application she alleges that her husband enlisted at Litchfield, Conn., January 16, 1778, and was discharged September 1, 1782; that while in the service he was under the command of Capt. Leavenworth or Capt. Humphrey and Col. Meigs; that she was married to the soldier in the county of Litchfield, Conn., June 1st, 1810, her maiden name being Polly Williams; that the soldier died in Litchfield County, Conn., Jan. 31st, 1826.

It appears that the soldier received a pension for disabilities incurred in the service but the papers on file in the claim do not show date of commencement, date of application or place of residence at time of making application.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Mr. Harvy Durand,
5 West 47th Street, N. Y. City.

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In reply to your request of _____, received
for a statement of the military history of Ebenezer Durand,
a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired
information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-
sion on file in this Bureau.

W. File 25,547.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
Jany.16, 1778 to	Sept.1, 1782	Pri.	Leavenworth	Return J. Meigs	Conn.
			Elijah Humphrey		
			Officers	not stated	4 th Conn.

[There is a curly brace enclosing all three lines of officers.]

[Written vertically along right edge of table: "See Conn. book p. 337&8."]

Battles engaged in, none stated

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Litchfield Co., Conn.

Date of application for pension, certificate; Oct. 17, 1823

Residence at date of application, Barkhampsted, Litchfield Co., Conn.

Age at date of application, not stated.

Remarks: Sol. married June 1, 1810 Polly (Stow) Williams in Litchfield Co., Conn.
where he died Jany. 31, 1826 and she was allowed pension on her application
executed Apl. 20, 1854 at which time she was 79 yrs. of age and a resident of
Benton Co., Iowa, to which state she moved from Branch Co., Mich.
Their only child George W. res. Benton Co. Ia, in 1854 at about 43 yrs. Sol. was
an Invalid Pens. at \$60 & \$96 per annum.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

(1835 list Inv. Pens Middlesex Co. Conn shows pens. at \$5 per mo. fr. Sept. 1, 1783 etc)