



11 Sheep.....	13.75
2 Tables. ....	5.00
10 Common chairs. ....	1.50
2 pots. ....	1.00
1 frying pan.....	.50
2 washing Tubs.....	1.00
1 Desk.....	5.00
1 Chest. ....	.50
1 Gun. ....	4.00
1 Axe. ....	.50
1 Betle[?] & 2 wedges.....	.50
& a few articles of Earthen & Crockery ware. .	<u>1.25</u>
	\$51.00

Richard Laird

State of New Jersey } ss  
Middlesex County }

On the Twentieth day of August Eighteen hundred and Thirty Eight, Personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for said County Lucy Laird, Resident of the Township of Monroe in the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty five years past who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed "July 7 1838" Entitled "an act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of Richard Laird who was a Sergeant in the army of the Revolution as this Declarant has often heard him speak and that he served as such under various officers during said war namely under Capt Walton [John Walton, pension application W6424] of the Dragoons, also under Col. [Robert] Nixon of the Dragoons, and was also enlisted under a Major Bedkins Served under General Pulaski was one of General Washington's life Guards at the Battle of Monmouth and that he was out generally throughout the war of the Revolution. This Declarants husband the said Richard Laird was in the Receipt of a Pension from the general Government at the time of his death and this Declarant thinks it was under the law of Congress Passed some time in the year "1818" he received ninety six dollars per annum whose Declaration and Papers are no doubt on file in the War Department at Washington.

She further declares that she was married to the said Richard Laird on the Second day of June one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five by the Rev'd John Woodhull D.D. for whose record diligent search has been made he being deceased many years, his son Dr John T. Woodhull has made search and is unable to find any record of marriages of those days, and those who were witnesses to this Declarants marriage are all deceased. the Record of this declarants marriage and the births of her children were recorded in her Bible, which was destroyed by fire about seven years ago together with other property of this declarant, who at the time was living with her soninlaw. She refers to the Testimony of her son and others who have some knowledge of the above facts relative to the said marriage.

That her husband the aforesaid Richard Laird died on the sixth day of May Eighteen Hundred and Twenty Eight. That she 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 above stated.

[signed] Lucy Laird

State of New Jersey }  
Mercer County } S.s.

On this Seventh day of September Eighteen hundred and forty three personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Lucy Laird a resident of Monroe in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey in the ninety first year of her age, a person of credibility and truth, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following additional

declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7 1838 entitled “An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows” – that she is the widow of Richard Laird who was (as he often named to applicant in 1776 in the Five months service under Major Henderson or Capt. Walton of Monmouth County, after which service he enlisted under Capt. Robert Nixon as a dragoon in the Spring of 1777 – Cannot say how long he served. After that service he enlisted, either under Count Pulaski or Bedkins. He was a Sergeant under Count Pulaski in his legion for a while, then, by order of Congress, while her said husband was in Trenton, he and a number of others of said legion, were put under Capt.-Major a Colonel Bedkins, she cannot recollect which; and that she thinks it was in the years service – the persons who she recollects were transferred at the same time were her brother (John Compton) Lewis Dey, Jacob Davison [S34299] and — Benneson [Thomas Benesson]. While he was in Trenton he was a recruiting Officer, and remembers to have heard him say, that he enlisted two, one was a tailor by trade the other a farmer. He was General Washingtons guard for sometime, and was Sergeant under Capt. John Walton of Monmouth County in the years service of 1779 or 1780, as will appear by reference to the exhibits attached to Mrs. Waltons declaration on file at the department. He was Sergeant for two or three years, and was out constantly during the said Revolution. He received a pension from the Government of \$96 under Act of 1818 as Sergeant in Pulaski’s Legion. She therefore asks arrears of pay as a Sergeant at \$120 per annum instead of \$79<sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub> as received under said Act which difference would be \$40.67 per annum for 5 years. She therefore respectfully submits her claim for the said arrears. That for the date of marriage and day of said husbands decease she would refer to her original declaration now on file in the Pension Department.

[signed] Lucy Laird

Receipts for Cash paid 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> years’ interest on Notes given by the Commissioners of the several Counties for Military Services.

No. of Voucher	No. of Certif.	Date	SIGNED BY	PAYABLE TO	Amount	1 y’s int.
110	97	1 May 1784	Tho Henderson	Richard Laird	4.1.–	.. 4.10
99	1613	“ ”	D’o	D’o	33.15.0	2.0.6

[Copy certified 3 Oct 1843]

“Received of Capt Rob’t Nixon our Sums of money due to us for the last three months in the Horse Service as witness our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1777. Richard Laird” & others.

I Charles G McChesney Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey do hereby that the above is a true extract from Captain Rob’t. Nixon’s Pay Roll on file in this office a Copy of which is on file in the Pension Department, and I do further Certify that there is evidence on file in this Office of the Service of Cap’s. Robert Nixon, in which Gen’l Israel Putnam calls the attention of the Legislature of new Jersey, “whether Capt. Nixons troops of Light horse are to be continued in service after the first of April 1777 when their term of service expires”

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal of Office at Trenton in said State this third day of October AD one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

NOTES:

A payroll for the troop of Capt. Paul Bentalou dated 19 March 1779 lists “Rich. Laird” as a trumpeter whose pay commenced on 20 April. A muster roll of Capt. Henry Bedken’s troop dated 13 Dec 1779 lists Corporal “Rich’d Leard” as having enlisted for one year on 14 May 1778 and discharged on 18 Sep 1779. See <http://revwarapps.org/b222.pdf>.

On 20 Aug 1838 Alexander Laird, born on 7 May 1786, stated that his parents, Richard and Lucy Laird, had three other children besides himself. On 1 Feb 1839 Lydia Robin (as she signed), born on 19 June 1789 , wife of Samuel Robin, stated that the family record had been written by her father, Richard Laird. On 7 Sep 1840 Lucy Laird was said to be 90, and on 19 Sep 1848 she was said to be 95.