

WAR OF 1812.		
NUMBERS	SOLDIER	BOUNTY LAND
W. O. 2449	Lake, Richard	13635 - 40 - 50
W. C. 883	WIDOW Lake, Elizabeth	75853 - 120 - 55
SERVICE Pvt., Capt. South's Co., N. J. Mil.		
ENLISTED Sept. 6, 1814 DISCHARGED Nov. 24, 1814		
RESIDENCE OF SOLDIER 1850, 1855, 1856, Plainsboro, Middlesex Co., N. J.		REMARKS Original discharge certificate in brief
RESIDENCE OF WIDOW 1871, Plainsboro, Middlesex Co., N. J.		Soldier receipted to Dec. 5, 1814 -
MAIDEN NAME OF WIDOW Elizabeth Wort		supposed to include travel
MARRIAGE OF SOLDIER AND WIDOW Aug. 13, 1809, Cranbury, Middlesex Co., N. J.		
DEATH OF SOLDIER May 27, 1859, Plainsboro, Middlesex Co., N. J.		
DEATH OF WIDOW		

No. 883

WAR OF 1812.

WIDOWS' PENSION.

New Jersey.  
Elizabeth Lake

widow of  
Richard Lake

Rank  
Company Captain South.

Regiment  
N.J. Militia.

Fenton Agency.  
Rate per month—Eight dollars.  
Commencing February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1871.

Certificate dated Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1871  
and sent to Pension Agent.

Act 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 1871.

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N<sup>o</sup> 2449

ACT OF FEBRUARY 14, 1871.  
WAR OF 1812.

Elizabeth Lake  
Plainboro Middlesex N.J.  
widow of  
Richard Lake  
Capt Cha<sup>s</sup> Souths R. I. Mil.  
Died 27 May 1859  
Plainboro N. J.

OK  
Received May 1, 1871.  
W. S. Johnson  
Trenton  
N. J.

Attorney.

B.S.W. for service Aug 15 1871  
S.H.

Oct. 6/71 Manys  
Death  
Wed July  
Admitted Oct 19 1871 S.H.

Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Cert. O. P. # 6, A.

Widowhood  
Marriage & death.

75. P53

M. Perez

No. 31.193 Dec 9<sup>th</sup>  
<sup>102.632</sup>  
Richard Lake.  
(Private)  
Cap Chas South.  
Ed Seward.  
War 182 McJ. Mil.  
Dis. within  
About 40 acres Bonded

Warrant 12.635  
for 40 acres  
J<sup>th</sup> July 21, 1831

Sent to  
Bk 70 P<sup>th</sup> 118  
George Hull.  
Plainborough  
N. J.

S. Thorne

dy 6<sup>th</sup> 14



237. 984

Oct Mar. 3. '77

Mar. 12. '86

Richard Lake. pri.

Charles South.

Sam Leland.

War 1812

U.S. war.

40 acres.

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See 102. 652.

beaumont.

Plainsville.

N.

Received  
100. 652.  
June 4/86

102,652 Act 3 March  
31.193 apud 27 } '55  
257,982 apud 55 } Consolidated  
with the east June 1/56

Richard Lake  
Private

Capt. Smith }  
Col. Edward } Mill

War 1812

R War 1835 40

3<sup>rd</sup> and 16/55

Form for the declaration  
Mar 1/56 Lane  
Att 120 and Lane 1/56  
Lane

Rich. Richard Lake  
Cm of Geo. Hall  
Plattingborough N. J.

Lord P

# WAR OF 1812.

ACT FEBRUARY 14, 1871.

## BRIEF OF CLAIM FOR A WIDOW'S PENSION

in the case of *Elizabeth Lato*, widow of *Richard Lato*  
 of *St. Louis*,  
 Captain *Leather*, Company, Colonel *Reg't*,

POST OFFICE ADDRESS *St. Louis*  
 Soldier enlisted *6 Sept*, 1814, Discharged *24 Dec*, 1814  
 Served afterward from *18*, to *18*  
 in Captain *Leather*, Company, Colonel *Reg't*,

Declaration and identification in due form, filed *May 1st*, 1871.

SERVICE FOR SIXTY DAYS SHOWN AS FOLLOWS:

*At St. Louis: "Richard Lato for service in Capt. Leather Co  
 of 6 Sept to 24 Dec 1814"  
 Eight days.*

Soldier died *27 May*, 1829, date and fact established by *Cert of witnesses, who*

*also testify that Claimant has not remarried*

*Loyalty and peace*

Marriage to soldier prior to Dec. 24, 1813, established by *Certified Copy of Church records, giving*

*Date of marriage "Aug 13 1809"*

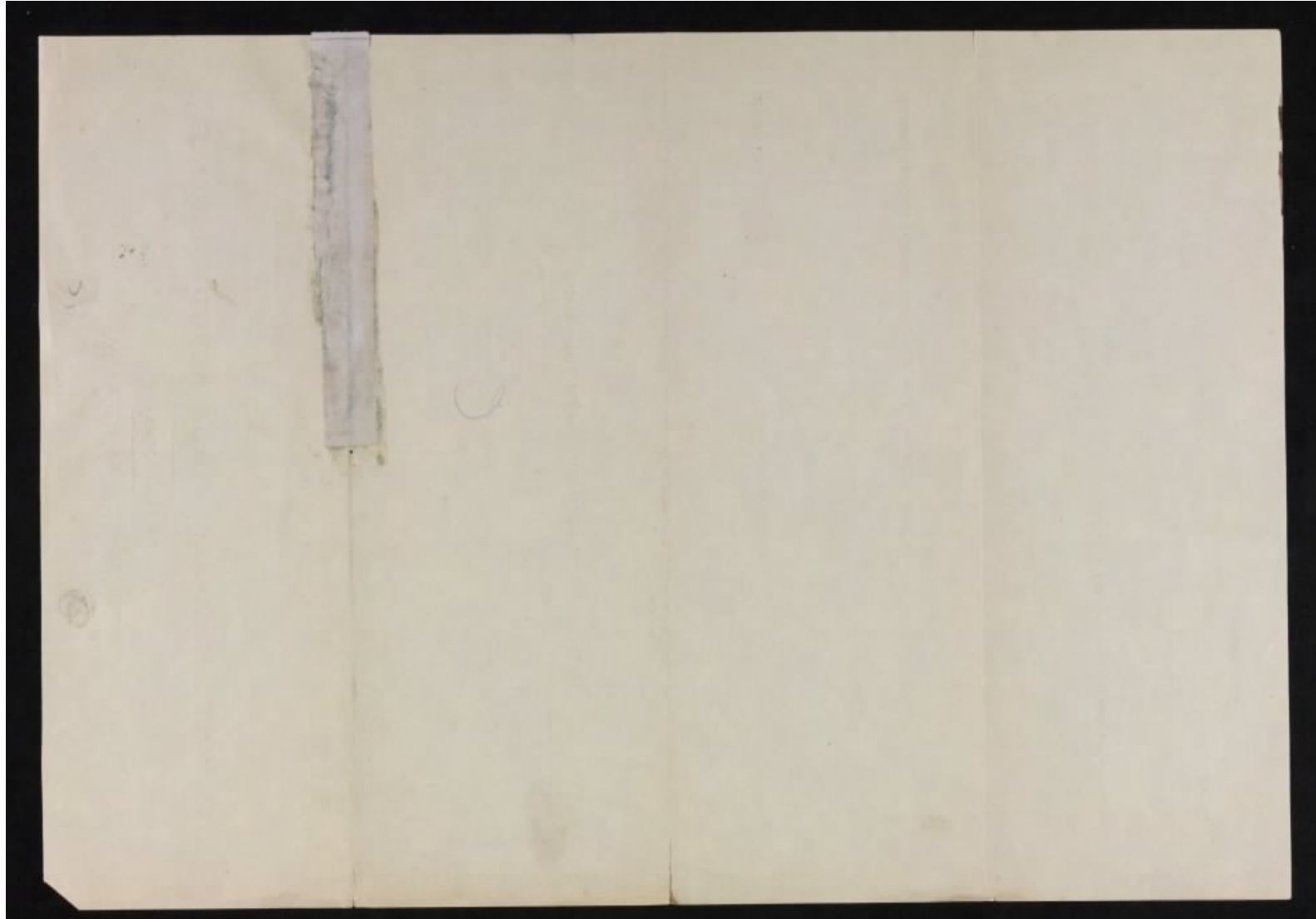
*Non rec of pension awarded by Claimant*

Admitted *Oct 19*, 1871, to a Pension of eight dollars per month, from  
 February 14, 1871.

*R. H. Johnson,*  
*Vermin Johnson.*

*W. C. Rogers*  
*Approved by*  
*A. M. Tucker.*





## Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE.

Washington, D. C.,

Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 1871.

Sir:

In the claim of Elizabeth Lake  
for a widow's pension, under act of February 14, 1871, No. 24449  
proof of her marriage to the soldier prior to <sup>24<sup>th</sup> Dec 1815</sup> ~~December 24, 1814~~,  
is required. You are informed that proof upon this point is of value  
in the following order:

1. A certified copy of a church or other public record.
2. An affidavit of the officiating clergyman or magistrate.
3. The testimony of two or more eye-witnesses of the ceremony.
4. The testimony of two or more witnesses who know the parties  
to have lived together as husband and wife from the date of their  
alleged marriage, the witnesses stating the period during which they  
knew them thus to cohabit.

Before any of the lower classes of evidence can be accepted,  
it must be shown by competent testimony that none higher can be  
obtained.

Return this circular with the evidence.

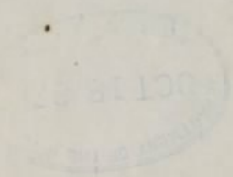
Very respectfully,

*W. B. Baker*  
Commissioner.

*M. S. Johnson,*  
Trenton,

*Refery,*

*MS*



Enclosed herein is the application  
of John Maple, Richard Lake,  
and Julia Wilson, or War. who claim  
to be the wife of Peter, who is dead, who subsequently  
married Peter Sperling, who is deceased.  
Said Julia Wilson, now being  
widowed, when their marriage  
was made, out, by the Department  
of the said, be sent individually to each  
one, enclosed within, to your Honorable  
Court, George Hull, District Attorney, and  
Magistrate at Plainborough, Middlesex  
County, State of New Jersey.  
Dated Plainborough, N.J.  
December 7, 1850. George Hull

No. 31192, 183, 194.

Hainsborough Co. N.Y. 6. 27/50 10000  
To the Commissioner of Patents  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

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Pension Office Department  
Washington. D.C.

Richard Lake, Plainborough, N. J.

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Con. Return of the Warrant direct  
Richard Lake, Plainborough, N.J.  
Care of George Hull, Esq. -

102,652

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*



FREE



J. Minot, Esq  
Pension Office  
Department of the Interior  
Washington  
D.C.

737.9641

PENSION OFFICE,

*Dec 13* 1855.

*Sir:*

*Please report service from the  
rolls.*

*Very respectfully,*

*C. H. Rhett,*

FOR COMMISSIONER.

*3<sup>16</sup>  
Auditor.*

WAR OF 1812.

*Medley* Pension Claim.

No. *21119*

*Elizabeth Lake*

Soldier *Richard Lake*

Served in Capt. *C. South's* Co.

*New Jersey Militia*

Warrant No. *75-888-120-1888*

Required: *Marriage*  
*And Death of Soldier*

*J. H. M.*, Examiner.

Report: *Above warrant*  
*issued to Richard*  
*Lake, for service in*  
*Capt. C. South's Co. N.J.*  
*Militia, from 6 Sept. to 24 Nov.*  
*1814. Receipts to 5 Dec.*  
*1814. supported for travel*  
*and evidence of marriage*  
*or death. R. W. L. for*  
*Chief B'ty I'd Div.*  
*Sept 3, '71*

Service

Sept- 25

Oct 31

Nov 24

80 Days 84

Department of the Interior  
PENSION OFFICE

Washington, D.C.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1871.

Sir:

The Pension claim of Elizabeth Lake, widow of Richard  
Lake, soldier of war 1812, under Act July, 14<sup>th</sup> 1871, #2249,  
the following evidence under oath or affirmation, of  
two witnesses acquainted with the facts, is required;

Proof of death of soldier and Continued  
widowhood of claimant since his death.

Please return this letter with the evidence.

W. S. Johnson,  
Trenton,  
N. Jersey.

Very respectfully  
J. W. Parker  
Commissioner.

WJ



## DECLARATION OF A WIDOW FOR PENSION.

STATE OF *New Jersey* } ss.  
COUNTY OF *Middlesex* }

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and  
seventy-one, personally appeared before me Judge, of the Court of Common Pleas  
of and for the county and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Lake  
aged 83 years, a resident of Wariboro county of Middlebury State of  
New Jersey, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of  
Richard Lake, who served the full period of sixty days in the  
Military service of the United States in the war of 1812, and who was the identical  
Richard Lake, who was enrolled in Captain  
Charles Souths company, of 1<sup>st</sup> regiment of

Commanded by Col. *John Seward* *you*  
*Coffey* - *leader* - division, at *Port Plain N.Y.* on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
 1814, and was honorably discharged at \_\_\_\_\_

on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1847; that\* he was with said Comptrol<sup>r</sup>  
at Brules Hook / King (ty.) Harbours, Boston & Sandy Hook.  
& served the whole term of three months.

deponent is 85 year old & may not have recalled all the facts correctly but she well knows his service substantially as set out - for at least three months -

her husband Richard Lake was first Bounty Land warrant for 40 acres  
+ afterwards for 120. acres. No 103,652. + she refers to record of same  
that she was married under the name of Elizabett Wort to said

Richard Lake on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1899  
by Nes King Woodhull at Crawley, New Jersey there being no legal  
bar to such marriage; that her said husband died at Rainbow on the 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of May; and that she has not remarried since his death; that at no time during the late  
rebellion could the authority of the United States, did she or her said husband adhere to the cause of  
the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort; or exercise the functions of any office  
whenever under any authority; or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; that she will  
support the Constitution of the United States; that she is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act  
that she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension rolls of the United  
States, under the provisions of the act approved February 14, 1871, and hereby constitutes and  
appoints with full power of substitution and revocation, W. S. Johnson, Attorney at Law, of Trenton,  
N. J., her true and lawful attorney, to prosecute her claim and obtain the pension certificate that may  
be issued; that her post office is at Rainbow, Washington county, Virginia, State or  
territory, that her domicile or place of abode is Rainbow.

TEST: Aaron S. Gulick  
William Merston

\* Here give place, capacity, and manner of service, and any historical events in the war in which he participated, or with which he was connected.

# State of New Jersey.



## DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

I, HENRY C. KELSEY, Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that William S. Gard Esquire, whose signature is affixed to the certificate attached to the paper hereto annexed, was, at the date thereof, a ~~Judge of the Court of Common Pleas~~ Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Mercer duly elected, commissioned and sworn, according to law, as appears by the official records of this Department, and is duly authorized to administer oaths; and full faith and credit ought to be given to his acts and attestations done in that capacity; and that his signature thereto is genuine as I verily believe.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Trenton, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D. 1871.

Henry C. Kelsey  
SECRETARY OF STATE.

Also, personally appeared Aaron L. Erickson, Mr. Erickson, residing at ~~St. Paul~~  
C. in Hamilton, ~~County~~ in ~~Washington~~ ~~County~~, and  
residing at ~~St. Paul~~ ~~County~~ ~~Washington~~ ~~County~~, persons whom I certify  
that they are the persons named in the above certificate. There were present

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
MAY - 1 1871  
PENSION OFFICE

State of New Jersey }  
County of Middlesex } ss

Before me this day appeared  
Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, who I certify is a person of  
truth, and being duly sworn according to Law  
upon his oath declares that he is pastor of the 1st Pres-  
byterian Church at Cranbury, New Jersey, & has control of the  
Records of said Church, that he examined & finds there the  
following record of marriage; Richard Lake, Jun. to  
Elizabeth, Mort, August 13<sup>th</sup> 1809, by Rev. George  
S. Woodhull; which document declares is an exact  
copy of said record. Dependent has no interest in the  
claim of Mrs Elizabeth Lake for Pension  
sworn & subscribed before me  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1871. Joseph G. Symmes.  
I certify I have no interest in this  
claim for Pension. Pastor 1st Pres. Ch.

William H. Binger  
Justice of the Peace  
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State of New Jersey }  
County of Middlesex } ss

Before me this day appeared Aaron  
L. Gulick and William Mershon, both of Plainville in said  
County & being duly sworn according to Law upon their oaths declare  
they have no interest in Mrs Elizabeth Lake's application for Pension  
that they were personally acquainted with her & her late husband Richard  
Lake for 50 years & know that said Richard Lake died on the  
27<sup>th</sup> May 1809, at Plainville N. J. & that his wife Elizabeth still  
remains his widow, never having again married  
sworn & subscribed before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
October 1871. I certify that the above deponents are before me  
lawful persons entitled to credit & that I have no interest  
in this claim for Pension. Aaron L. Gulick  
William Mershon  
Justice of the Peace

Richard Lake



# State of New Jersey.



## DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

I, HENRY C. KELSEY, Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that William H. Bergen, Esquire, whose signature is affixed to the certificate attached to the paper hereto annexed, was, at the date thereof, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Middlesex duly elected, commissioned and sworn, according to law, as appears by the official records of this Department, and is duly authorized to administer oaths; and full faith and credit ought to be given to his acts and attestations done in that capacity; and that his signature thereto is genuine as I verily believe.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Trenton, this thirteenth day of October A. D. 187 1

Henry C. Kelsey  
SECRETARY OF STATE.

No 2449  
Mus. Eliz. Lake  
Indians Claim  
Nov 1812

W. S. Johnson Atty  
Trenton  
New Jersey

State of New Jersey

County of Middlesex.

On the fifth day of December, A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Richard Lake aged Seventy years, a resident <sup>of Hightstown</sup> Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey, who being duly sworn according to Law, declares, that he is the identical Richard Lake, who was a Private in the Company Commanded by Captain Charles Smith in the <sup>Department of</sup> ~~Department of~~ <sup>Commanded by</sup> John Edward Smith in the War with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18th day of June 1812, that he was drafted in New Jersey on or about the Sixth day of September

1814 for the term of <sup>and continued</sup> in actual service in said War for the term of three months and was honorably discharged at Camp Mifflin, at Hoboken, on the Sixth day of December 1814, as will appear by the Original Certificate of Discharge now with presented or by the muster rolls of said Company. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the County Land to which he may be entitled under the act granting County Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed before me <sup>Richard Lake</sup> the day and year above written, And I hereby Certify that I believe the said Richard Lake, to be the identical man who served as aforesaid and that being the age above stated.

George Smith Justice of the Peace

State of New Jersey  
 Nicholas Brounwell of  
 the County of Middlesex, of the County  
 of Common Pleas in and for said County, do hereby  
 certify that George Hall Esquire, before of the  
 within foregoing declaration of Richard Lake and  
 Wm. Lake, was at the time of the making said  
 declaration, a Justice of the Peace in and for  
 said County, duly commissioned and sworn  
 And that his signature thereto is genuine  
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
 subscribed my name and affixed  
 the Seal of said County this 24th  
 day of December 1841  
 Witness my hand

N. Brounwell

Richard Lake

1841

Wm. Lake

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State of New Jersey. }  
County of Middlesex. } George Houth

On this Twenty fourth day of April A.D. One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid Richard Lake, aged Seventy five years, a resident of Middlesex County State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to Law, declares that he is the Frankfort Richard Lake, who was a private in the Company Commanded by Captain South in the — Regiment of Foot — Commanded by Col. John Sumner in the war, with Great Britain declared by the United States on the Eighteenth day of June 1812, that he, drafted at Cranbury, on or about the — day of September A.D. for the term of said War, and continued in actual service in said War for the term of three months and was honourably discharged at Hoboken on the — day of — A.D. 1815, as will appear by his Original Certificate of discharge, as presented to the Department, on his obtaining his Warrant for forty acres, in 1850, as 1 and by the muster rolls of the said Company. He makes this declaration for the purpose of receiving the additional one hundred and twenty acres, as provided by the late act, granting land to Officers & Soldiers who have been engaged in Military Service of the United States —

Sworn to and Subscribed.  
before me, the day and year  
above written, and I hereby,  
certify that I believe the  
said Richard Lake, to be the  
identical man who lived, ~~Richard Lake~~  
as aforesaid, and that he is  
of the age above stated.

George Heath Justice of the Peace.

102.652  
of 1911  
Cite Class, such  
644.624 Nov-14  
to 52.175



SUSPENDED BOUNTY LAND CLAIM RE-EXAMINED.

No. 102652 3  
31193 3

Treasury Department,  
THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

Feb 28 1856.

Richard Lake, a Private served in Captain  
Charles South's Company New Jersey Militia  
from the 6 Sept 1774, continuing until the 24 Nov 1774, when  
Co was mustered for discharge.

He receipts to 5 Dec 1774, supposed  
to include himself.

Wm J. Morris  
Auditor.

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,  
Department of the Interior.

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# BOUNTY LAND CLAIM.

DECLARATION FOR SURVIVING OFFICER OR SOLDIER,  
WHO HAS HAD A LAND WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

COUNTY OF *Mercer* }

On this *Eightth* day of *March* A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-*six* personally appeared before me, *Augustus L. Martin*, a *Justice of the Peace* duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Richard Lake* aged *Seventy-six* years, a resident of *Middlesex County* in the State of *New Jersey* who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical *Richard Lake* who was a *private* in the Company commanded by Captain *Charles Smith* in the *second* Regiment of *Militia* commanded by *Colonel John Seward* in the war with *Great Britain*, declared by the *United States* on the *18<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, *1812* for the term of *three months* and continued in actual service in said war for the term of *three months* that he has heretofore made application for Bounty Land under the act of September 23, 1850, and received a Land Warrant, Number *forty* acres, which he has since legally disposed of, and cannot now return.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the additional Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1855.

He also declares that he has never applied for nor received, under this or any other act of Congress, any Bounty Land Warrant, except the one above mentioned.

We, *John Maple* and *James Cox* residents of *Middlesex County* in the State of *New Jersey* upon our oaths declare, that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by *Richard Lake* in our presence, and that we believe, from the appearance and statements of the applicant, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be.

*John Maple*  
*James Cox*

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed, before me, on the day and year above written, and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant is the person he represents himself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim.

*Augustus L. Martin, J. P.*

737.784

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**S C Pension Number:** [Blank]

**W O Pension Number:** 2449

**W C Pension Number:** 883

**Soldier:** Lake, Richard

**Widow:** Lake, Elizabeth Wort

**Bounty Land Warrant Number:** 12635

**Bounty Land Acres Granted Number:** 40

**Bounty Land Blw Act Year:** 1850

**Service:** Pvt Capt South's Co NJ Mil

**State Organization:** New Jersey

**Marriage Date:** 13 Aug 1809

**Soldier Death Date:** 27 May 1859

**Widow Death Date:** [Blank]

**Certificate Year:** [Blank]

**Additional Full Name:** [Blank]

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