

Martha (Spencer) Hopkins Associates from Pension File

I Elizabeth Pierce of Vinalhaven County of Waldo & State of Maine
being sixty eight years of age do testify that I always was
acquainted with Martha Hopkins from a child and very
intimate in our young days by living not more than a half
a mile from each other and I further testify that I recollect
testimony of hearing of her being published to Theophilus
Hopkins and I well recollect of hearing of the day being
appointed for the Marriage but was not at the Marriage
but heard a number of people say they was married
and I further testify that they always lived in the Marriage
Covenant till parted by death and brought up
a large family of Children and I have not the
least doubt of their Lawfull Marriage in Provincetown Cape
Cod and I further testify that Samuel Atwood was
Town Clerk and Samuel Parker was the Clergyman
that I was informed performed the Marriage.
Further more deponent sayeth not
Vinalhaven
January 10th 1840 Elizabeth Pierce

Waldo - I January 10th 1840 then personally appeared
the above named Elizabeth Pierce and made oath to
the above testimony by her Subscribed
before me John Currier Justice of the Peace

I Elizabeth Pierce of Vinalhaven County of Waldo & state of Maine being sixty eight years of age do testify that I always was acquainted with Martha Hopkins from a child and very intimate in our young days by living no more than a half a mile from each other and I further testify that I recollect testimony of hearing of her being published to Theophilus Hopkins and I well recollect of hearing of the day being appointed for the marriage but was not at the marriage but I heard a number of people say they was married and I further testify that they always lived in the marriage covenant till parted by death and brought up a large family of children and I haven't the least doubt of their lawful marriage in Provincetown Cape Cod I further testify that Samuel Atwood was the Town Clerk and Samuel Parker was the Clergyman that I was informed performed the Marriage. Further more deponent sayeth not.

Elizabeth Pierce

Vinalhaven
January 10th 1840

Source: "U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900", database with images at Ancestry.com.

I Thomas Pierce of Vinalhaven County of Waldo & State Maine
being sixty ~~seven~~ eight years of age do testify that I was
brought up in Martha Hopkins father's family seven
years and belonged in the family at the time she was mari-
ed to Theophilus Hopkins by being gone to sea at the time
did not see them married, but on returning home was in-
formed by the Family she was married to Theophilus
Hopkins it being forty nine years past and I further
testify that they always ^{lived} together and had a Large family
children and that I have no Reason to doubt of their
Lawfull Marriage ^{at Provincetown Cape Cod} Furthermore Deponent sayeth not
Vinalhaven January
10th 1840
Thomas Pierce

Hi Thomas Pierce of Vinalhaven County of Waldo & State Maine being sixty eight years of age do testify that I was brought up in Martha Hopkins father's family seven years and belonged in the family at the time she was married to Theophilus Hopkins it being forty nine years past and I further testify that they always lived together and had a large family children and that I have no reason to doubt of their lawful marriage at Provincetown Cape Cod furthermore deponent sayeth not

Thomas Pierce
Vinalhaven January
10th 1840

I, Cushing Thomas of
Camden in the County of Waldo and State
of Maine on oath depose & testify that I
am seventy years of age, that my father
removed from the State of Massachusetts to Fox
Island now called Vinalhaven in the County
of Waldo about fifty five years ago, & I have
continued to live with a little more than
two years since. In the Summer of the
year 1804 Theophilus Hopkins first came
to Vinalhaven & in the Winter following
removed his family. He took my farm
on shares and lived on it over four years &
Martha Hopkins then came with him
and was acknowledged & regarded as his
lawful Wife. They had six children when
they came to my house. The oldest
according to the best of my judgment was
over twelve years of age. I have known
them ever since. They have had six
or seven children since. Theophilus Hopkins
has died within the last three years.
They lived together as man & wife till
the time of his death & brought up
a family of children and the said Martha
Hopkins was always acknowledged and
reported to be his lawful Wife. Theophilus

I Cushing Thomas of Camden in the County of Waldo and state of Maine on both depose and testify that IM 70 years of age that my father removed from the state of Massachusetts to Fox Island now called Vinalhaven in the County of Waldo about 55 years ago where I have continued to live with a little more than two years cents. In the Summer of the year 1804 Theophilus Hopkins first came to Vinalhaven and in the winter following removed his family. He took my farm on [illegible] and lived on it over four years and Martha Hopkins and then came with him and was acknowledged and regarded as his lawful wife. They had six children when they came to my house. The oldest according to the best of my judgment was over 12 years of age. I have known them ever since. They have had six or seven children cents. Theophilus Hopkins has died with in the last three years. They live together as man and wife till the time of his death and brought up a family of children and the said Martha Hopkins was always acknowledged and reported to be his lawful wife. Theophilus Hopkins was a man of good moral character & his wife Martha Hopkins has been a member of the Baptist church at Vinalhaven more than twenty years. I was a member of the same church for about thirty six years and Deacon of the church for about eight years. The said Martha Hopkins now lives at Camden & is an applicant for a pension. [illegible] I have never known anything against her moral character & she was in "regular standing" in the church up to the time of her removal from Vinalhaven to Camden.

Cushing Thomas
Waldo fS Feb 10 1840

Sworn
I Hannah Harding of Camden
in the County of Waldo aged Sixty five years
on oath depose & testify that about forty or
forty five years ago I became acquainted with
Theophilus Hopkins & Martha Hopkins, they
lived at Provincetown in the State of Massachusetts
Martha Hopkins was then regarded and
acknowledged as his lawful ^{Wife} & I have been
acquainted with them since they removed
from Provincetown. They resided for a number
of years at Vinalhaven & then removed to
Camden where I have resided about thirty
five years. The said Martha Hopkins
was always acknowledged to the time of
his death as his lawful wife, & they
lived together & brought up a large family
of children. sworn
Witness
Hannah X Harding
mark
Olive Avery

Waldo fs Feb 19 1840. Subscribed & sworn to
before Wm B. Goodwin J. P.

I Hannah Harding of Camden in the County of Waldo aged sixty five years on oath depose and testify that about forty or forty five years ago I became acquainted with Theophilus Hopkins & Martha Hopkins, they lived at Provincetown in the State of Massachusetts. Martha Hopkins was then regarded and acknowledged as his lawful wife. I have been acquainted with them since they removed from Provincetown. They resided for a number of years at Vinalhaven & then removed to Camden where I have resided about thirty five years. The said Martha Hopkins was always acknowledged to the time of his death as his lawful wife & they lived together & brought up a large family of children.

Hannah (her X mark) Harding

Witness
Olive Avery

Waldo fs Feb 19 1840

I Isaac Cook of Provincetown in the County
of Barnstable and State of Massachusetts
on my oath testify and say that I am
now in the sixty fifth year of my age that
I was born and have always lived in the
town of Provincetown, that in the early
part of the year one thousand seven hun-
-dred and ninety I was at the wedding of
Doct Theophilus Hopkins and saw him
married to Patty Spencer, by Rev Samuel
Parker, at the time of the marriage Doct
Hopkins, took from his pocket, a piece
of tobacco, and took a chew and then
offered it to some of the company - at
the time of the marriage Patty Spencers
Mother was a widow, and the wedding was
at her house, Doct Hopkins resided with
his wife several years after their marriage
in this town and had children

I David Brown of Provincetown in the county
of Barnstable and State of Massachusetts on
my oath say that I am in the sixty fifth
year of my age that I have lived in the
town of Provincetown fifty four years last
March, I think that I was about fourteen
or fifteen years of age when Doct Theophilus
Hopkins came into Provincetown and was
married to Patty Spencer in the house of
her mother as I then understood I was not
at the wedding he afterwards lived with
his wife about five years and had two
children, they then moved from this
town into the State of Maine as it now is
as I understood at that time, my father
bought Doct Hopkins house when he left
and gave him one hundred and fifty
or fifty five dollars. David Brown

Barnstable P.S. May 2-1840