

Pensions Application for Barsham Allen

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State of Maine.

County of York SS.

On this Fifteenth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open; court, before the Hon. Wm. A. Hayes, Judge of the Court of Probate of said County now sitting at South Berwick, Barsham Allen a resident of York in the county of York and State of Maine aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He enlisted in the month of March AD 1778 in the militia line as a private for the term of three months, left home the same month and served under the following named officers viz Capt Esaias Prebble of said York, Liet Dependence Shapleigh, of Rittersy in the said County, Lieut Hubbard of said Berwick and Ensign Joshua Nason of said Berwick, Col. Gerrish, Lieut Col. Ichabod Goodwin of said Berwick, Major name not recollected, General Heath, that he lived in Wells in said County when he entered the service; he marched from said York through Kittery, Portsmouth & Greenland N.H. Salem Ms [Massachusetts] to winter Hill in Charleston (Ms) where he served out his term aforesaid in guarding the Prisoners taken at the surrender of Burgoyne, does not recollect the names of any officials there, who did onto belong to his Regiment, he left the service in July AD 1778. He never had any written discharge, and has no other documentary evidence in the same company with him during said term, whose affidavits as herewith sent.

After the above term of service had expired he enlisted again in the U.S. Navy for the term of eight months at Portsmouth N. H. in April A.D. 1779 with Lieut Elijah Hall, he sailed from Portsmouth N. H. in May following in the sloop of War, Ranger commanded by Capt Thomas Simpson, 1st Lieut Elijah Hall, 2nd Lieut David Collum, Sailing master Mumford, Boatswain Roberts, 1st Mate Nicholas Furlong, 2nd mate Wm Jones, he resided in said Wells when he entered the service, he cruised off Georgia and other places in company with the 36 gun ship Providence and the 24 Gun Ship Providence and the 24 Gun Ship Queen of France; about two months after the Ranger sailed, our fleet captured the Jamaica fleet bound home to England from Jamaica consisting of nine ships and one Brig; that one of the ships and the Brig were retaken, we brought the rest into Boston (Ms) the names of some of the prize ships were Blenheim, Holiness Georgia, Barque & Friendship; that he came in the prise ship Blenheim, sailing masters name was Henry Webster, we arrived at Boston about the first of September A.D. 1779, laid there two or three weeks & then all that belonged to the Ranger, went aboard of her & sailed to Portsmouth where he was employed in repairing her until November when he fell into the hole of the Bessel & hurt himself so badly by breaking two of his fingers and shoulder, that he procured a furlough home, but before he got well the Ranger sailed, he hurt himself in November about a month

before his time was out, but was not discharged until his time had expired. The effects of his wounds are still visible on his fingers and shoulder, that he never had any written discharge and he has no other documentary evidence that James Allen of Wells aforesaid who lived a near neighbour to him and was well acquainted with them knows of his service aforesaid, whose affidavit is herewith sent.

After he got well he enlisted again in the militia Line in April A.D. 1780 for the term of eight months with Capt Daniel Clark of said Wells, where he then lived left home in May following and served under the following named officers viz, Capt Daniel Clark of said Wells. Lieut Amos Towne of Kennebunk, 2nd Lieut Collon Chase who was promoted to Quarter master, Col. Joseph Prime of said Berwick, there was no Lieut Col., Maj Johnson, Genl Wadsworth, he marched from York to Portland, then called Falmouth (Me) [Maine] made that our head quarters, belonging to a guard boat, to guard the coast from there to Canada (Me) in which manner he served out his whole term, he was engaged in no battles, he left the service I December A.D. 1780, had a written discharge, but has lost it, he has no other documentary evidence, that Henry Bridle of said York, belonged to the same Regiment with him and knows the above service was rendered whose affidavit is herewith sent, he was born in York aforesaid and lived there until he was seven years old, he then moved towels aforesaid, that he lived in Wells after the Revolutionary War until AD 1787 when he removed to York aforesaid where he has continued to reside ever since, he was born on the 6th of March AD 1762. There is a record of his age in the family, but he does not know where it is. Tht Joseph Thompson Esq residing in the town of York aforesaid and Zebediah Simpson of Eliot in said County are well acquainted with him and can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier & sailor of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Barsham Allen