

Pension Application for Josiah Bacon

S.17263

State of Connecticut

Court of Probate, District of Woodbury

On this 30 day of July 1832 personally appeared, in open Court, before the Court of Probate holden at Woodbury [/?] and for the District of Woodbury said Woodbury was in Litchfield County, now sitting, Josiah Bacon a resident of Woodbury in the County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, lagged seventy five years, who being first 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.

That I was born at Middletown in Connecticut and lived there untill I was fifteen years old. I was born Oct 18, 1756. When I was fifteen years old I removed to West Springfield Mass. In [?] Sept 1775 I volunteered in a company at West Springfield for a month to drill and learn the manual exercises.

On the 22d day of August I went to New York as a volunteer under Capt Nathan Rowley this company was a volunteer company service principally in Massachusetts. Col John Moody of Westfield was Colonel.

In this company I was first a corporal before the company [?] the [?] we were mustered at Springfield and marched to Middletown, New Haven and along the shore to Horseneck and from thence to New York at New York we joined Col. Rowley's Regiment and was received by him. I was appointed a Sargeant at this [?] by Col. Morely. I continued to serve in this company until about the middle of Nov'r when I was [out?] by the Col Morely to go to Hospital at Round Hill beyond Bedford. I was sent there to command the soldiers there as some complaints have been made of their disorderly conduct by the inhabitants were there some were well enough to go about. There was about twelve or fifteen in the whole & remained at the hospital until the soldiers were cured and discharged and was myself discharged [blot] January 1777.

I returned to West Springfield and remained there untill August 1777 when we reached West Springfield that the British were at Bennington, & we immediately volunteered the next day after we got the word. The same Captain Nathan Rowley commanded the company this company marched within the months of August and I believe by the 25. When we arrived at Fort Edward. We found out Col Col [sic] John Moreley, our Regiment belonged to Gen. Lincolns Brigade & continued doing duty in this company from place to place until after the Surrender of Burgoyne and was [?] when the English marched out prisoners I was [?] as Sergeant with a platoon of men to guard prisoners towards Boston and went with them to Salem Massachusetts twenty four prisoners were under m y care. I was dismissed in Nov'r about a20th that is & arrived back at West Springfield about that time.

In 1778 I lived at Middletown Connecticut and belonged to the militia and was drafted to go to Rhode Island about August[blot] 1 Sept this draft was for three months of service in a company commanded by Capt Joseph Churchill of Chatham Con. This

company belonged to Col Worthingtons Regiment or Col [blot] Regiment. The name I am not certain how it is spelled. We were first mustered at Middletown and sailed down Connecticut River to Saybrook then went through Lyme to Norwich from thence to Providence and encamped there & was employed in building redoubts & fortifications & acted as a Sergeant in this company & continued on duty in this company three months and was dismissed last of Nov 1778.

In July 1779 I was called out on an alarm to go to New Haven & gone two weeks & lived at [?town] then & went under Capt Clark in Sept of the same year &P was again drafted and went to West Point & have forgotten the Capt name. I was gone two weeks, & acted as a Sergeant here.

I have no discharge nor never had & know of no record of my birth nor of no evidence by which I can prove service & have been to [?] to look for it but they are all dead.

I continued to live in [?] until the year 1782 & then moved to [?] & lived there one year and moved to [?] there I stayed four years then moved to [?] and lived six year then moved to Woodbury where I have lived ever since Y ever live. Some acquaintance with Rev. Raphael Gilbert, Elijah Dayley, Reuben Martin, Elijah Freeman all of Woodbury & others.

The said Josiah Bacon 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. (Signed) Josiah Bacon

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Ch B. Phelps, Judge of Probate Dist Woodbury.