

**Pension Application for Sylvanus Badlam or Badlum**

W.25188 (Widow: Hannah) Married November 28, 1792, her name was Hannah Crackbon. Sylvanus died July 6, 1835.

To Jabez Clark Esqr, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the county of Windham and State of Connecticut, the Petition of Sylvanus Badlam of the Town of Ashford in the County of Windham and State of Connecticut sheweth.

That enlisted into the service of the United State[s] in the fall of the year AD 1775, in the revolutionary war—and continued in said service through the war, and was at the termination thence Honourable Discharged with the Badge of :Merit, that the Discharge accompaning [accompanying] this application is all he hath in existence.

That by his reduced circumstances in life, he needs the assistance of his Country for support and prays the benefit of an act of Congress of the United States passed the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March AD 1818, Entitled “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

Dated at Windham the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of April AD 1818. Sylvanus Badlam

State of Connecticut

County of Windham SS

Windham. April 29<sup>th</sup> 1818.

There came before me Jabez Clarke Esqr Judge of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the County of Windham and State of Connecticut – Sylvanus Bedlam the signs of the above petition and subscribed the following affidavit and made oath to the truth of the same viz. I Sylvanus Bedlam of the Town of Ashford in the County of Windham and State of Connecticut. – Do Swear, that in the fall of the year AD 1775 I enlisted as a soldier in Capt Benjamin Bullards Comp’y & Colo Whiteman regiment of the Massachusetts Line and served therein for the Term of one year—and was Discharged—and again enlisted on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Dec’r AD 1776 into Capt Elisha Brewers Company in the Regiment Commanded by Col’o Samuel Brewer in the Massachusetts Line in the Service of the United States in the revolutionary war on Continental establishment that he faithfully served until the tenth Day of June AD 1783 and was then honourably Discharged.

That by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, needs the assistance of his Country for support. I do further testify, that I won a small real estate, in value, more than my debts of Five or Six hundred Dollars—with an unfinished house thereon, which needs repairs & which am unable to make, that I am sixty four years old, have a wife and two children dependent on me for support and have no means of subsisting myself and family, but by the labours of my hands in the improvement of my small real property and growing daily less able to labour. Sylvanus Badlam

Sworn April 29<sup>th</sup> AD 1818. Before me Jabez Clarke Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Windham.

Letter in folder dated September 19, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

Your are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.25188, that Sylvanus Badlam (the name also appears as Badlum) enlisted in the State of Massachusetts regiment, and as sergeant in Captain Abraham Williams' Company, Lieutenant Colonel Ebenezer Sprout's Second Massachusetts Regiment, was in the retreat from Ticonderoga, the battle of Hubbardton, capture of Burgoyne and battle of Monmouth and was discharged June 10, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 29, 1818, at which time he was aged about sixty-four years and was a resident of Ashford, Windham County, Connecticut.

He died July 6, 1835, in Windham, Connecticut.