

Pension Application for Samuel Baldwin

S.29599

Green Mountain Boys

Vermont

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Berkshire SS.

On this fourth day of October A.D. 1836 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable William P. Walker, Judge of the County of Berkshire, now sitting, Samuel Baldwin a resident of the town of Egremont in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged seventy nine, 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 at said Egremont on or about the twentieth day of September 1774 into a company of minute men, commanded by Capt. John Holmes that the company was exercised during the winter about once a fortnight; that after the battle of Lexington said Company was ordered to march to Boston, and that he started with the company from Great Barrington on or about the twenty third day of April 1775; from said Great Barrington he marched with the company to Roxbury where he remained until the fifteenth or sixteenth of June 1775, when the company was dismissed and all, (this applicant among the rest) except those who enlisted, returned home.

In the year 1776 about the tenth of January, he volunteered to go to Canada, in Capt Isaac Vosburgh's Company, and marched to Montreal and remained there about a week, from whence he went to Quebec and from there to the Isle of Orleans when the company went into winter quarters, Colonel Warner was the Colonel of the Regiment, to which said Vosburgh's company was attached.

General Arnold commanded a short time, then General Thomas Commanded. On the sixth day of May he commenced the retreat with the army from the plains of Abraham that he continued with the army on the retreat thru Point Chambeau, Three Rivers, St. Johns, Ticonderoga, &c. until he came home to Egremont, where he arrived about the middle of June, where he remained until September 1777. About the middle of said month he volunteered and entered the company of Capt Enoch Noble of Sheffield and marched to Stillwater and joined the army under General Gates, while there, he went with the company to Battenkill and opposite Bemis Heights, when we had a skirmish with the British four or five days before the surrender before the surrender of the British Army. He remained after the surrender, three or four days, when the company was formed into small squads and marched for home, where he arrived about the twenty eighth or twenty ninth of October 1777.

The applicant has not previously made application before he was overturned in the State, a short time before the passage of the law of 1831 and was thinks, made a cripple and unable to search for testimony. At that time he resided in Oxford, Chenango County, New York. After he recovered sufficient health, he intended to come to

Egremont, his native place, to find testimony, but poverty and sickness have prevented until this time. He has now returned to Egremont, by the aid of his friend, and now applied for a small portion of the County off his country, to smooth this passage over the few remaining years of his life.

The applicant was born in Egremont in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; he has no record of his age, as his father has stated to him, he was born November 22, 1756.

He was living at Egremont at the time of the revolution and was a volunteer in the war a certain number were called for from Egremont and the applicant volunteered into the service.

On his first service he was under Capt John Holmes, John fellows was Colonel and afterwards Brigadier General, General Putnam commanded.

At his second service he was under the command of Isaac Vosburgh Captain, Colonel Warner and General Arnold at first and Genl Thomas on the retreat. He is known to all the old people in Egremont and that neighborhood and particularly refers to Ezra Loomis, Revd David Fullar, Wilber Custises & Josiah Millard Esqrs-- & Revd Wm Ellis, who can testify to his truth and veracity and their belief that he was a soldier of the Revolution. He lived in Egremont a year or two after the Revolution, from whence he went to West Stockbridge where he resided thirteen years, from thence he moved to Wilkbarry Penn where he resided seventeen years, from there he removed to Oxford Chenango County New York where he lived until about two weeks since when he removed to his old residence in Egremont.

He knows of no other persons except those whose affidavits are annexed by whom to prove his service. He never received a discharge from the service.

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.
(Signed) Saml Baldwin

Sworn to, land subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. W. P. Walker, Judge of Probate