

Pension Application for Thomas Banister or Bannister

W.8118 (Widow: Lydia)

B.L.12331-160-55

State of Vermont

Bennington County SS.

On this 17th day of June, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the County Court within and for the county of Bennington and State of Vermont, personally appears Thomas Banister of the town of Pownal, in said, state, aged fifty-nine years, who being by m first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

That he the said Thomas Banister enlisted the twenty third day of January 1781 in the town of Brookfield in the State of Massachusetts, into the Continental service for the term of three years, was mustered at Leicester by Col. Washburn, then marched to Springfield and again mustered to Coll Shepherd, from thence marched to Westpoint joined Capt. Adam Bailey's company in the second Massachusetts regiment, commanded by Coll Sprout that he continued to serve in said corps until the 23rd day of January 1782, when his business at home demanding his attention, with the consent of his officers he procured a man by the name of [Trasell?] as a substitute who was accepted by his officers, and he was honorably discharged from the service by Major Maxwell (in the absence of Coll Sprout on the said 23rd of January 1782 at Westpoint, but has lost his discharge. That he was in the army at two different times with the militia, five months previously to his enlistment into the Continental service.

That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared this 17th day of June 1818. John H. Olin, Asst Judge of C. Court.