

Pension Application for James Barber

S.15312

State of Vermont

Addison County

On this 24th day of July in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the County Court for said County of Addison in open court James Barber resident in Bridgport in said County of Addison and where he has resided for forty nine years last past, aged seventy two and a half years, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made in the act of Congress of the 7th of June AD 1832, that in the year of our Lord 1776 he resided at Lansingburg in the State of New York and in the month of September of that year he was enrolled in a militia company in said Lansingburg commanded by Capt. Tillman and at the time aforesaid according to his best recollection he marched with the greater part of the company to which he belonged and under to Colo Schuyler who was Colonel of the Regiment to which his company belonged, in the service of this county to Fort Ann in said State of New York where he remained a day or two and then returned to Kingsburg south of Fort Ann where we were employed in a road, there in a piece of low land leading to Fort Edward and after a time we returned home to said Lansingburg, after being out in service to the best of his recollection about one month and afterwards in the year 1777, in the month of April to the best of his recollection, he went in one of a scouting party off to the South East of s'd Lansingburg towards Massachusetts line in pursuit of tories, and party consisted of thirty or forty men belonging mostly to our militia company and we were out on that service to the best of my recollection about two weeks; and very soon after he returned home and I think in the month of May of the same year I went as one of a scouting party to Albany in said State of New York and 25 or 30 miles to the south west of Albany to a place called then Middlebrusch [Middleburgh] and [?] Schoharrie [Schoharie] in said state. Major Tillman of Albany commanded our party, which consisted to the best of my recollection of sixty or seventy men and his son John Tillman after had the command of a scout to which I was attached, and several tories were taken by our party who were generally sent to Albany, I was out at this time about three weeks to the best of my recollection on this service.

Soon after we returned home, our regiment under the command of Colo Schuyler was called out to march to the North and I marched with them. It was just after the evacuation of Ticonderoga by our troops and Genl Burgoyne was [?]. We marched as far as to Fort Edward where we remained awhile, and then returned by [?] of Genl Schuyler first to Fort Miller and then by different stages to Stillwater in said State where we remained awhile and our company, which was then commanded by a Capt. Noble of Lansingburg, was discharged and we returned home. We were out at this time about two months to the best of my recollection. My brother's family and removed to Pittsfield in Massachusetts and I followed them there, where I remained with the family until in the year 1780; in the month of June of that year to the best of my recollection, I enlisted for three months under a Capt. Ford who then lived in said Pittsfield and we marched under said Capt. Ford first to Claverick in the State of New York, and then to Schoharrie in said state, where we were at the time the town was burnt by the British, Indians and Tories. I was then a sergeant under Capt. Ford and was sent at the head of a [?] party in pursuit of the enemy and plunderers and we took a few pack horses; and then pursued the enemy up the Mohawk River when our three months having expired we [?] and company under Capt. Ford and I [?] then marched home to Pittsfield, land were disbanded. Our company as I understood, were Massachusetts State Troops. I further say, that I am not enrolled in any pension list or roll at any agency in the United States nor have I received any pension at any time on account of s'd services or any services in the cause of my country. (Signed) James Barber

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Sam'l Swift, Clerk