

Pension Application for John Barber

S.28980

State of New York

County of Wayne SS.

On this first day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting John Barber a resident of Lyons in the County of Wayne and State of New York; aged seventy five years, 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 the town of Northampton in the State of Massachusetts, some time in the month of November in the year 1775 in a company commanded by Captain Joseph Lyman, Elijah Lyman (he thinks) was Lieutenant and a man by the name of Bascom was Ensign, the Regiment to which he belonged he thinks was commanded by Colonel [Colonel] Ward. That he marched to Dorchester near Boston and was there stationed for the purpose of guarding the lines, or to keep the enemy from coming out of Boston into the Country, after the expiration of the term of service of the first eight months Troops and before the raising of the years Troops. That he remained in the service two months and was then discharged with the rest of the company at Dorchester in the month of February following.

That he again enlisted at the town of Northampton about the first of July 1776, for the term of four months in the company commanded by Captain Oliver Lyman the name of the Lieutenant was Kellogg and the name of the Ensign was Woodbridge; Colonel Dyke commanded the Regiment the name of the Lieut-Colonel was Haskill. That he marched to Boston and was engaged the greater part of the time in fortifying the castle and other places to prevent the enemy from returning again to Boston. That he was discharged at Dorchester with the rest of the company in the month of November, after having served the full term of four months.

That he again enlisted at Northampton about the first of July 1777, in a company commanded by Captain Jonathan Stearns, Asabel Pomeroy was Lieutenant, the Ensigns names he does not recollect. The company was raised at that time, for the purpose of defending Ticonderoga; that he marched to fort [Fort] Edward on the Hudson River, and there joined the Army which was then on the retreat after fort Ticonderoga had been evacuated that the army continued to retreat until they arrived at Stillwater, where he remained until the company was discharged. General Scuyler [Schuyler] then commanded the army, but he cannot say who commanded the Regiment to which he was attached. That he served at that time one and one half months and was discharged at Stillwater in the State of New York. That the Bennington battle was fought while he was on his return home.

That immediately on his return home an express came for men to assist in taking Burgoyne's Army; that he again enlisted about the 25th of August in a company commanded by Captain Oliver Lyman, Seth Hunt was Lieutenant, does not recollect

who was ensign. That the select men of the town of Northampton gave authority to press horses to convey them to the Army; that he marched on hors[e]back to Stillwater, the horses were then sent home and the company crossed the river and joined the army at Bemis Hights [Heights]. General Gates then commanded the army, General Nixon commanded the Brigade to which Colonel May's Regiment was attached and that Captain Lymans Company belonged to Col May's Regiment.

That he was at the great battle of the 9th of October at Bemis Hights, stood Secretary during the whole time of the battle, well recollects the shout, when Arnold took a redoubt from the enemy, and other events of the day. The next morning after the battle our Army marched up and the artillery [artillery] commenced firing which was kept up between the two armys during the day; Col May's Regiment was the covering party for the artillery. The next day the enemy retreated, the day rainey our army lay in camp, and the next day started in pursuit of the enemy and overtook them at Saratoga; after which some skirmishes took place almost every day until Burgoyne sent a flagg to Gen. Gates. That he was discharged at Saratoga the next day after Burgoyne Surrendered, after having served three or four days short of two Months.

That on his return home he was taken sick, and confined about two weeks, that his parents came after him and took him home.

That he again enlisted about the first of November 1779, in the Second Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Colonel Bailey, and in a company commanded by Captain Howard, in the Continental establishment. That he found the army at Westpoint where he remained a few weeks and was sent with a detachment under the command of Colonel Thompson, to Philips Mannor; where he was taken prisoner on the third day of February 1780 and carried to New York where he remained a prisoner until the twenty fourth of January 1781, when he was exchanged and joined the army again at Westpoint where he was discharged from the service about the fifth of February following.

That for these last services his name has once been on the Pension Roll under the Act of Congress passed 18th March 1818 and has been stricken there from as he supposes on account of property.

That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except the affidavits accompany in this declaration.

To the first interrogatory by the court, he answers: that he was born in the town of Pelham in the state of Massachusetts the 19th of September 1757.

To the second he answers that there is a record of his age in the town records of Pelham, Massachusetts.

To the third, he answers: that he lived in the town of Northampton in the State of Massachusetts at each of the State of Massachusetts at each of the times that he entered the Militia or State Troop Services and in the town of Pelham in said State when he entered the service in the continental establishment.

That since the revolutionary war, he has lived in the said town of Pelham untill 1809 when he removed to Dover in the State of Vermont where he resided until 1811

when he removed to Ontario, Ontario County, (now Wayne) in the State of New York, where he resided until 1826 when he removed to the town of Lyons in Wayne County, where he now resides.

To the fourth, he answers: that he volunteered his services at each time he entered the service; and was substituted in; the place of one Daniel Rankin at the time he entered the Continental Service.

To the fifth, he answers: That during his first term of service, there were no Regular or Continental officers; that he knew Capt Allen afterwards a Major in the Continental Service, Capt. David Cowden & Capt. Isaac Gray, who belonged to the eight months State Troops. That during this Second term of service Colonel Francis Regiment was stationed at Dorchester point; that during his third term of service the army was in much confusion for the greater part of the time, [?] he cannot recollect much about officers or Regiments; that during his fourth term of service he was acquainted with Col Morgan who commanded a Regiment of Riflemen, and Major Allen who belong to the Regular Troops, that his fifth term of service was in the Continental Army.

To the sixth, he answers; that he received a discharge from; the Continental Service, that he sent it to Boston and has not seen it since; does not recollect who signed it.

To the seventh interrogatory he answers; Jonathan Boynton, Luther Fillmore, land Jonas Stevens, of Wolworth, (late Ontario) Hon. William Sisson, Calvin D. Palmeter, village of Lyons.

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. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) John Barber.

John L. Cuyler, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.