

Pension Application for Reuben Barber

W.10291 (Widow: Hannah Sands Chamguire?) Married in the town of Burkenstead, County of Litchfield, Connecticut by a Justice of the Peace on October 31, 1784. Reuben died April 16, 1849 in the town of Catlin, County of Chemung, NY. A son named James applied for benefits.

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At a Court of Common Pleas at the Court House at the Village of Elmira in & for the County of Tioga in the State of New York, commencing on the first Tuesday in September in the year 1832, the same being a Court of Record having a seal and clerk.

Present. Hon G.B. Baldwin, First Judge. John R. Drake, Dariaus Bentley, J.L. Darling & E. Shoemaker, Esquires & Judges.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On the 7th day of September 1832 before the above named Judge, now sitting, personally appeared Reuben Barber a resident of the Town of Catlin in the said County of Tioga, aged seventy seven years & upwards, who being 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 in the month of October 1776, at South East in the County of Dutchess NY he enlisted in a company commanded by Capt. John Townsend & Lieut. Delavan in Col. Ludington's Regiment of Militia for the term of six months; was marched to Peekskill and there joined the regiment under command of Col. Drake, served at Peekskill & the neighborhood until his term expired when he was discharged at Peek's Kill by written discharge signed by Col. Drake (which is now lost) in April 1777—

About the expiration of the above term he removed to Ridgebury in the State of Connecticut where in August 1777 he enlisted for Three months, in a company commanded by Capt. Knowles Sears, & Lieut. Stebbins in the Regiment commanded by Col. Waterbury, he was marched to Sawpitts, Westchester Co., NY near Horse Neck where he served out his term & was discharged by written discharge signed by Capt. Sears in November 1777.

About the first of April 1778 at Fredericksburgh Dutchess County NY he enlisted for one year; in a company commanded by Capt. Pierce, Lieut. Nathaniel Fitch & Ensign Ackley in Col. Drake's Regiment, and was marched to White Plains; soon after their arrival there, a detachment from the said company under command of Lieut Fitch, the deponent being one, was ordered to march to Bedford to strengthen the Prevost guard at that place who had charge of prisoners of war. They continued there until some time in October when the prisoners were removed to Danbury, the guard, commanded by Col. Mygatt of Danbury, accompanied them continued there until January 1779 when they were taken to Fishkill, the deponent continued there until the month of April 1779 when his year having expired he was discharged at Fishkill; discharge signed by Lieut Fitch and now lost.

In April 1781 at Fredericksburgh Dutchess Co. NY he enlisted for the term of nine months in a company commanded by Capt. Hunt, Lieut John Fitch and was marched to FishKill where they joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Weisenfelt, from thence to Marbletown in Ulster County where they continued in service until the month of February 1782, when they were discharge; the deponent having been kept in service on month longer than his term of enlistment, which was required in consequence of troop to relieve them not having come on.

His discharge laws signed by Col. Weisenfelt and is now lost.

That during the course of the war & while not engaged in the enlistments above detailed he was frequently called out in the militia in Dutchess Co., NY & Connecticut in various affairs as alarms occurred sometimes at New Rochelle, Peekskill, PineBridge & other places, was out for time out for a week and sometimes out about 8 weeks and other periods of shorter terms was out in service in the militia in a month at Middlesex—that the militia service this performed by him he has no doubt would amount & could be accumulate the whole to six months.

In answer to the questions propounded by the War department he states that he was born at South East in the County of Dutchess NY on the 16th July 1785 as he has learned by a record kept in his father's bible—where it now is he cannot state—That he continued in Ridgebury in Connecticut, about a year after the close of the war & removed to New Hartford Conn, where he lived until about the year 1796, thence to Greenfield, Saratoga Co, NY where he remained until about 1800, thence to Old Sheseguine Luzerne Co., Penn, where he lived about one year, thence to Sugar Creek, Lycoming co., Penn, where he continued until about 1810 when he removed to Catharine (Now Catlin) Tioga Co., NY where he has ever since lived.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services, the discharges above mentioned having long since been lost; the only person in this part of the country whom he can procure to testify to his services is Jonas Youmans of the county of Steuben NY whose affidavit is hereby annexed. The Continental officers whom he knew while in service were Genl. McDougal, James & George Clinton, Colonels VanCortlandt, Dubois, Gansevoort, Livingston, VanSchaick, Weisenfelt, & Willett, & Major Fish and McDougal.

He refers to Claudius Townsend Esq. of the said town of Catlin, Joseph L. Darling, Thomas Mills, David Lee & George Mills, Esqrs., of the said Town of Catharine, for his reputation as a soldier & otherwise.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Reuben Barber.

Subscribed and sworn the day & year aforesaid, Green M. Tuthill, Clk