

## **Pension Application for Zachariah Barber**

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To the Hon. J. L. Edwards Commissioner of Pensions.

The petition of your petitioner Zachariah Barber respectfully represents that he was Eighty five years of age on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1849.

That he was born at Midway in Massachusetts on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1764. That in March 1781 your petitioner enlisted as a private at Midway aforesaid in Capt. Amos Ellis's company to go to Rhode Island. This enlistment was for forty days service in the war of the revolution but the services of this company not being needed for the whole term of its enlistment it was for forty days.

Your petitioner further represents that he again enlisted in August 1781 at Midway aforesaid under a Capt. Lincoln in Col. Webb's regiment to go to West Point. I am not able to state from recollection the Christian name of either the Capt or Col. This enlistment was for three months after we had joined the army and your petitioner remained in the service of the war of the revolution under this enlistment nearly four months from the time he left home at Midway aforesaid for West Point in the State of New York where he had marched until his return home.

Your petitioner further represents that there was no person by the name of Zachariah Barber in either of the companies before mentioned except your petitioner.

That in the year 1786 he removed from Midway aforesaid where he had resided from his birth to Wadesboro in the County of Windham and state of Vermont where he continued to reside until about the year 1830 when he removed to the town of DePeyster in the County of St. Lawrence and state of New York where he has resided ever since.

Your petitioner further represents that one Samuel Tomlin was a private in the same company under Capt. Ellis and marched with your petitioner from Midway to Rhode Island as aforesaid. It is understood that said Tomlin has been dead for many years.

Your petitioner further represents that Elias Adams, Timothy Adams, John Toney & John Alden were privates and Oliver Adams was a Sergeant in the same company under Capt. Lincoln and marched with your petitioner from Midway to West Point as aforesaid. Your petitioner has been informed and believes to be true that all these men are dead except Elias Adams and he has not been able to ascertain where he is. Your petitioner recollects of seeing Gen. Washington & Gen. Lafayette at Rhode Island soon after he arrived there in March 1781 at a distance of about twenty or thirty rods.

After we had marched to West Point as aforesaid & had remained there some eight or ten days we were ordered to Peekskill. As a confirmation of the facts set forth in the foregoing petition your petitioner would refer to the documents attached thereto.

Your petitioner further represents that he is destitute of any means of support except as they are furnished him by his children.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his name may be inserted upon the Pension roll and that he may have the benefit of the acts of congress granting pensions to Revolutionary Soldiers. (Signed with his mark) Zachariah Barber.

J. C. Barter, Justice of the Peace of St. Lawrence County, N.Y.