

Pension Application for Michael Barclay

W.17231 (Widow: Gertrude) Married in the Reformed Dutch Church of the City of Schenectady by the Rev'd Derick Romeyn, pastor, Jany 7, 1790. It appears in the record thus: "1790, Jany 7, Michael Perkley van de Hellenberg met Geertruy Ley, van de Veverdam." Michael died March 20, 1839 in Albany County. State of New York, County of Albany SS.

On this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before Justices Court of the City of Albany now sitting Michael Barclay a resident of the Town of Guilderland in the County of Albany in the State of New York aged seventy four years past who being first 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War as a volunteer militia man in the New York State Militia under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. He joined & entered as a volunteer in the autumn of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five about the beginning of the war in a company of which Jacob VanArnum was captain in the Regiment commanded by Colonel or General Philip Schuyler and marched from Guilderland but then the town of [?] in the County of Albany to Lake George where the company of Capt. VanArnum were stationed for the time of one month & an half—then the time for which he volunteered expired & he together with his comrades returned to their respective homes in the autumn of the following year 1776 he was again called out & again volunteered in Capt. Jacob VanArnum's Company of Militia left home marched to Schenectady city where his company remained a day or two & then marched to Half Moon in the County of Saratoga—at which last place the captain of his company received orders from General Philip Schuyler who then commanded & was stationed at Saratoga—that the services of Capt. VanArnum's company of volunteers was not required & he then returned home he was in the service at this time about ten days—in the summer following AD 1777 he again served in the same company under the command of John Grote as captain. He marched to the forts at Schoharie where he remained at least fix months afterwards he continued in the same & was stationed also at Fort Beaverdam in the said county of Albany (now county of Schoharie) at which place he remained stationed at least one month and an half & perhaps two months & in the summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six he was pressed in to the service of his country by a Captain Hogeboom & Captain John Tillman who resided in the county of Albany and with his team of Horses and wagon was engaged in carrying bateaus from the City of Albany to the City of Schenectady & Boards & other timbers back from the latter to the former city was once to Ticonderoga with a load of flour he was thus engaged for upwards of seventy days with team & wagon—for the latter services he has never received any pay or compensation—was in no engagement during the war the company of Captain Jacob Groat under whom he served at the forts at Schoharie & Beaverdam was stationed there at the same time that the volunteer company commanded by Captain Jacob Schermerhorn of Schenectady were there—the company of Capt Schermerhorn was the only company with which he was acquainted or who accompanied the one to which deponent was attached—know of no other of the regular field officers than those he has above named that he has no documentary evidence of his services in the war in his possession nor does he know of any persons now living except Piter Relyea, Paul I. Hockstratter and David Ogsbury all of the county of Albany who can testify as to his services—he was born at the place where he now resides then [Waterhil?] But now Guilderland in the county of Albany on the seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight—where he has always resided, has no record of his age except in his family bible which he believes correct & which agrees with the above statement by him on that [?] made and which he verily believes correct.

He further says that he has stated time, place & circumstance connected with his service in the Revolutionary War with as great particularity & precision as he is capable of doing—that he never

served in any other or different capacities in the war—except as a volunteer as above stated, that he never received any written discharge from the service during the war from his commanding officer.

And he further says that amongst the persons to whom he is intimately acquainted who are persons of character & respectability & residing in the immediate vicinity & neighborhood of this deponent who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary War are the Reverend Adam Crouse a clergyman and Frederick Keenholts Esq, both residents of the Town of Guilderland in the County of Albany and State of New York.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except ;the present and he further declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state & he further says he cannot write his name in English letter. (Signed) Michael Barclay. Then signed with his mark.

Subscribed by the applicant in person in German & also subscribed by him by his mark affixed & sworn to before the Court this seventeenth day of September 1832. J.G. Wasson, Clk