

Pension Application for Canterbury Barnes

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Plymouth, SS.

On this thirtieth day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before Hon. Wilkes Wood Judge of the Court of Probate, now sitting at Hingham within and for said County of Plymouth, Canterbury Barnes, a resident of Hingham in said County of Plymouth, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged seventy two years, 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 7, 1832.

He hereby relinquishes every claim; whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name I not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

That is to say, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

In 1776, he enlisted as a private in Capt. Seth Stower's company, at Hingham, and marched from thence to Nantucket, and joined Col. Whitney's Regiment where he served for eight months. Ezekiel Hassey, now living was drummer of the company, & his deposition is annexed).

In the fall of 1777, he enlisted as a private in Capt. Theophilus Wilder's Company Col. Gillis Regiment. Gen. Lincoln was commander. The company marched to New York. It was in that body of troops that joined Gen. Gates, the latter part of September 1777. He saw the action of the 7th of October in which Arnold distinguished himself, and the night after marched in Gen. Lincoln's Division, to take possession of the ground gained by the American troops. Gen. Lincoln was is townsman and he knew him personally. Said applicant was present at the surrender of Burgoyne, after the surrender he marched to Esopus, the flames of the burning village were not then extinguished—thence he marched to White Plains—the American troops fired on the enemy at Kingsbridge--& drove the enemy into New York. He served five months in this campaign, and came home when his term of enlistment had expired—Peter Hersey was Drummer of the Company a part of the time. His deposition is annexed.

Afterwards, he believes in 1778, he enlisted under Capt. Baxter of Braintree as a private and went to Rhode Island. Maj. May of Boston was one of the field officers. Walter Hatch of Hingham, deceased, was Lieutenant of the Company. The company was stationed at the North end of the Island and retreated from it when the French fleet left for Boston. Stephen Stoddard was the only person living who was with him, and he is incapable of testifying. He served this campaign four or five months.

In 1780, he enlisted & served three months as a private in Capt. Theophilus Mildeus company in Rhode Island. Peru Gardner was in the company. His deposition was annexed.

Said Barnes further says that he never had a written discharge—

He has annexed all the documentary evidence which he possesses to prove his services.

He was born and has always resided in Hingham, where he was baptized by Rev. Dr. Gay, a certificate from whole record is annexed. For further proof of his character and reputation of service in the Revolution he refers to the Selectmen of Hingham & Rev. Charles Brooks of that town and to Thomas Lossing, Esquire a Magistrate of Hingham as well as to the annexed certificate. Terms of Service. (Signed) Canterbury Barnes

Sworn to, land subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Attest Jacob H. Loud, Register.