

Pension Application for Elijah Barnes

W.20674 (Widow: Lucy)

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before Michael Hoffman first Judge and John Mahan, Augustus Beardslee and Sherman Wooster Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Elijah Barnes of Manheim in said County aged Seventy three 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 the seventh in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit,

That he enlisted and entered said service the first time about June 1775, and served five months under Captain Sylvanus Walker, Lieutenant Cohon & Ensign Walker, and joined the Regiment Commanded by Col. Danielson of a Massachusetts Regiment, that awe were stationed at Roxbury in the State of Massachusetts during this campaign and our business was standing guard the general duties of the company and assisting the building of forts and Breast-works, I don't recollect of any other Regiment there at the time, that at the Expiration of this tour being some time in December 1775 he immediately Enlisted under the same officers for one year and Served until the next December when he was discharged at Albany in the State of New York. Immediately after my said last Enlistment we joined Colonel Stark's Regiment at Winter Hill Massachusetts and remained there until Spring and when the British evacuated Boston, we went to New York City where we remained about two weeks, then we proceeded to Montreal and remained about two weeks, thence to Chamblee on the outlet of Lake Champlain, thence to Mount Independence opposite Ticonderoga, where we staid about two months and from thence we returned to Albany in the State of New York, and I being unwell staid there four about two weeks & until I was discharged in December 1776, and the Regiment proceeded on to the South, that when he volunteered Enlisted & entered the service in the case he resided in Brookfield & in Roxbury & [?] in New Braintree, Worcester County & State of Massachusetts.

That he again in the spring of the year 1780 enlisted for three years & entered the service and served until he was discharged by General Knox in December 1783-- under Captain Killam, and entered the fifth Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Colonel Rufus Putman, and joined the army at West Point, from thence we went down the North River & drawed arms, having left our old arms at West Point, then we went on a rout [route] down the River and round back to the huts back of New Windsor on the North River to winter quarters where we remained until spring when I was transferred into Captain Johnathan Stones company of Light infantry and went down to the lines on a rout of reconnoitering and remained at this business until we again retired to winter quarters at West Point, in the Spring we again went onto the lines &

reconnoitered until the British Evacuated New York City when we entered it and remained there about two weeks, and then we went up to West Point where we remained until sometime in December 1783, when he was discharged.

That when he entered this last term of service he resided in New Braintree, that he cannot recollect the particular day when he enlisted & entered or was dismissed from the service in either case, that he has no documentary evidence of his service, and that he knows of no person except those whose affidavits are hereto annexed whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. That he recollects the following Regiments that were with him a part of the time, to wit, the first Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Colonel Howe, the second commanded by Colonel Sprout the Sixth commanded by Colonel Tupper and the ninth commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Jackson.

First, where & in what year were you born. I was born in Brookfield Worcester County in the State of Massachusetts in the year 1759, Jany 21st.

Second, Have you any record of your age & if so where is it. I have none.

Third. Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live: I was living in the State of Massachusetts when & entered the service in each case, in Brookfield & New Braintree & lived until about forty years ago when & removed to Manheim in the County of Herkimer and State of New York where & have since continued & now live.

Fourth. How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom. I was a volunteer in each case.

Fifth. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances in relation to my service than those above mentioned.

Sixth. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it. I received a written discharge from general Knox of the last three years service but it is lost, for my other service but it is lost, for my other services Y never received any other than a verbal dismissal.

Seventh. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

I refer to Samuel Willow of German Flatts & Jonathan Gilbert of Schuyler.

And that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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. (Signed) Elijah Barnes

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in Open Court. F.E. Spinner,
Dept Clerk