

Pension Application for Josiah Barnes

S.12120

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Worcester, SS.

On this sixth day of September in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court, before the Hon. Nath^l Paine Esqr, Judge of Probate now sitting Josiah Barnes a resident of Dudley in the County of Westcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged Eighty years, how 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 under the following named officers and served has herein stated.

He enlisted as a volunteer in a Company commanded by Captain Elliot for the Term of three months sometime in the Month of April AD 1777 – the day he cannot recollect. That he marched into Rhode Island and was stationed most of the time at Providence. The company of said Elliot was made up of volunteers from Dudley Oxford Milton Sturbridge and Charlton.

He enlisted in said Company at Dudley and was discharged from the same in July or August 1777. That he again enlisted at Dudley sometime about the month of May 1778 according to his best recollection in the Continental Service for the Term of nine months—was mustered at Leicester before one Washburn and thence marched to Fishkill in the State of New York where he joined the main army. He belonged to Capt. Daniels Company and Col Stevens Regiment. He was at West Point, at White Plains, and at Nine Partners so called in said State of New York, during said Term of Service. He received his discharge, from said last mentioned service sometime in the month of January 1779.

He further states that he was drafted for one month on or about October 1777, at Dudley to go to Fort Edward in N. York. That he served said term of one month in Capt Nathaniel Healy's Company and Col. Holmans Regiment at said Fort. Joseph Vinton and John Edmunds both of Dudley pensioners under the former act of Congress are witnesses of my said Services & have given their depositions thereto.

He states that he was born in the old Plymouth in Massachusetts in January 1752.

The record of his age he supposes may be formed in the Town Records at Old Plymouth.

That he lived in Dudley at the aforesaid times of his entering the service aforesaid and that he has lived in Dudley ever since the termination of his said Terms of Service where he now resides.

That he was a volunteer as he has stated above in the above in his two first named services, and in his last was a volunteer he thinks.

He recollects beside the above named officers, General Knox while he was in the Continental line, and an Adjutant by the name of Hall while he was stationed at Providence.

He never received any written discharge except from the Continental service in 1779, and that was written on the same paper with Joseph Vinton's discharge and said Vinton informs me that he has lost the same.

Aaron Tuft, Esqr and the Rev'd Abiel Williams of said Dudley can testify of his character for veracity and their belief of his said Services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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) Josiah Barnes

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Nath'l Paine
Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester.