

Pension Application for Samuel Barnes or Barns

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Declaration, in order to secure the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Worcester, SS.

On this twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court, before Nathaniel Paine, Esquire Judge of Probate now sitting Samuel Barnes a resident of Brookfield in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged seventy four 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein state.

Viz, In the month of April seventeen hundred and seventy seven he enlisted at said Brookfield for the term of two months as a volunteer soldier in the war of the Revolution – marched to the Town of Worcester and then joined the Company under Captain Hodges from Hardwick & from said Worcester he marched with said Company to Providence the State of Rhode Island where he remained a few days and then marched to a place called Abotttown in the Town of North Kingston opposite to Connannient Island which was at that time occupied by the British troops and then remained guarding the enemy until the expiration of said two months at which time the company was dismissed & he returned to reside in Brookfield during the time that he was stationed at said Greenfield a house which was said to be Oldick's house—

In the latter part of August 1777 or the fore part of September he was drafted from the Town of Brookfield for the term of three months and immediately marched from said town in the Company commanded by Capt. John Barrister of said Brookfield to the town of Bennington in the State of Vermont & from thence to march and from thence to Stillwater in the state of New York and then joined the army under the command of General Gates and there remained doing duty as a soldier until the battle was fought that place in which he took a part he then marched to Saratoga and was present at the surrender of General Burgoyne and his Army after his surrender [??] surgeon and Captain of the ;Company to which he belonged, which discharge he again returned to said Town of Brookfield—That in the latter of June or the fore part of July 1780 he gain enlisted as a volunteer for the term of three months in a Company commanded by Captain Timothy Paige of Hardwick which company was at the company commanded by Captain Timothy Paige of Hardwick which Company was attached to the regiment under Col. “Rand and marched in said Company by the way of Springfield. Great Barrington in the State of Massachusetts & Claverack in the State of New York to West Point where he remained doing duty in said Company as a soldier for said term of three months and was there at the time General Arnold deserted the American forces and joined the British – that he never received any written discharge at the close of either of

his terms of service except at the close of his three months service in 1777 which is hereunto annexed.

That he was born in the town of Brookfield where he has ever since resided except at the times above named when he was employed as a soldier in the war of the Revolution.

That he has no documentary evidence except the discharge above mentioned & knows of no other persons who can testify to his service other than Samuel Williams, Moses Bowen, & Andrew Barrister whose depositions are hereunto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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) Samuel Barnes

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before Nathl Paine Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester.