

### Pension Application for William Barnes

S.44315

William Barnes of the town Turin in the County Lewis & State of New York, Sworn on the Holy Evangelist deposeth and saith. That he was born in the town of Gloucester, County of Providence & State of Rhode Island in the year seventeen hundred & fifty nine—and at the age of sixteen he enlisted a private soldier in the Continental Service in the spring of 1775, under command of Capt. Nathaniel Blackman in Col. Daniel Hitchcock Regt, served eight months and received an honorable; discharge.

In the month of March 1776, he again enlisted in the Continental service in Col. Henry Babcock's Regt. (Capt's name not recollected) fought Commodore Wallace at Newport R. J.

Soon after Col. Lippett took the command of the Regt and Col. Babcock was dismissed, served one year and was honorably discharged.

In the month of April 1777, he again enlisted under Capt. Banajah Whipple in Col. Arch'd Crary's Regt., served about six months in Col. Crary's Regt., was then transferred into Capt. Clark's Company in Col. Green's Regt., joined a division of the army at Peekskill on the North River soon after march from Peekskill & Crossed the Delaware River at Corell's Ferry was there [Counter ordered?] and marched to Red Bank, fought against the Hessians under County Donope and was on or the four that carried the count from the bloody field to the hospitable [sic] —also fought at Mud Island under Major Talbut was forced to evacuate the Island in the night after suffering great loss, marched from thence under Col. Green and joined the army under Genl. Washington at a place called white march in Pennsylvania—marched from thence to Valley Forge into winter quarters. (At the battle of Redbank. Capt. Clark was taken prisoner and Capt. Jonathan Wallen succeeded to the command of said company.)

In May 1778, crossed the Schuylkill River to Gloucester Heights remained at Gloucester Heights till the British evacuated Philadelphia, then pursued and overtook them on Mammoth plains was in the division commanded by Genl Lee, which first attacked the enemy on the plains about eight o'clock A.M. Retreated back about ten miles when Genl Washington assumed the command of the Division and dismissed Genl Lee & Continued the fight till eight O'clock P.M. and lay down upon our arms on the morrow marched for P. Island to reinforce Genl Sullivan and after various skirmishes on the Island evacuated and went into winter quarters. Then procured a substitute and was discharged the service.

Furthermore our deponent saith that in the month of August 1779, he entered on board the ship Boston (of 36 guns) for a six months cruise, commanded by Capt. Samuel Tucker in Commodore A. Whipple's squadron.—Cruised amongst the West Indian Islands a while put into Charleston South Caroling to repair damages suffered by a storm—was then blockaded by a siege of twenty six days was forced to surrender prisoners of war—about six weeks after was sent to Philadelphia and exchanged likewise rec'd an honorable discharge from the ship in July 1780.

Furthermore our deponent saith that in the month of March 1781, he again enlisted under Capt. William Umphrey (or Humphrey) in Col. Green Regt, for three years joined the army on the North River under command of Genl George Washington about the first of September following marched on a secret expedition to the southward and was [?] at Yorktown in Virginia there found the enemy under command of Lord Cornwallis and there fought during the whole siege—well known in history—after the capture of the enemy returned back to Philadelphia for winter quarters &c.

In the spring of 1782 returned back to the North River and remained there till October was then detached from the main army and marched to Saratoga under command of Col. J. Oney.

In the month of February 1783. Marched under command of Col. Willett to Storm Oswego fort. The expedition failed and the troops except what starved or froze to death, returned back to Saratoga, was there honorably discharged in the month of December 1783, to return home in peace and furthermore our deponent saith not.

The deponent further saith that he kept hi several discharges till about 1787 when they were lost or stolen in a [?]-And that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support-April 22d 1818.

I, Silas Stone, First Judge of the Court of common pleas in and for the County of Lewis, in the State of New York certify that on the 22d day of April in the year 1818 Wm. Barnes described in the foregoing deposition did, being duly sworn, make oath to the truth of the same-that it appears to my entire satisfaction that he served in the revolutionary war against the common enemy agreeably to his said deposition and I now [?] the testimony and the proceedings had thereon to the Secretary for the Department of War. Silas Stone

Letter in file dated February 2, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for the record of William Barnes, A soldier of the Revolution.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.44315, based upon the military service of William Barnes.

He was born in 1759 in Glocester, Providence County, Rhode Island. The names of his parents were not given.

He enlisted in the spring of 1775 and served eight months as private in Captain Nathaniel Blackmar's company in Colonel Daniel Hitchcock's Rhode Island regiment. He enlisted in March 1776, and served one year as private in Colonels Henry Babcock's and Lippitt's Rhode Island regiments. He enlisted in April, 1777, and served until the fall of 1778 or winter of 1778-9 as private in Captains Benajah Whipple's, Clark's and Jonathan Wallen's companies in Colonels Archibald Cray's and Green's Rhode Isladn regiments and was in the battles of Red Bank, Mud Island and Monmouth. In August 1779, he "entered on board the ship, Boston", which was commanded by Captain Samuel Ticker and was in Commodore A. Whipple's squadron; on the return from a cruise to the West India Islands they went to Charleston, South Carolina, for repairs, and while there they were blockaded by the British, after a siege of twenty-six days they were captured and William Barnes was held prisoner for about six weeks when he was sent to Philadelphia where he was discharged "from the ship in July, 1780". He enlisted in March, 1781, served as private in Captain William Humphrey's company in Colonels Green's and Jeremiah Olney's Rhode Island regiments, was in the siege of Yorktown and while stationed at Saratoga he was marched in February 1783, under command of Colonel Willett to storm Oswego Fort, returned to Saratoga and was discharged in December, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 22, 1818, at which time he was living at Turin, Lewis County, New York.

In 1820 he referred to his wife, Rebecca, as being sixty-one years of age. There are no further data relative to his family.

William Barnes died February 3, 1824.