

Pension Application for Cornelius Barnhart

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State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting Cornelius Barnhart a resident of the town of Niskayuna in said state & County aged seventy eight 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.

He was born at the Wappingers Kill in the County of Dutchess in the said State on the twenty sixth day of July 1755. He has no record of his age.—

When he was called into the service of the United States in the Army of the Revolution he was living in the town of [?] county of Orange NY and since the Revolutionary was he has lived in the State of Massachusetts and he now lives in the town of Niskayuna—aforsaid.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the spring of the year 1776 he enlisted as a private in Captain Francis Smith's (1) Company in Colonel Marvin's (2) Regiment of State troops and served in said Company of Captain Smith for the term of six months at the following posts: viz Schoharie.

In the spring of the year 1777, he enlisted in Captain John Woolsey's (3) Company of State troops or Militia the names of his company & field officers he cannot recollect.

The place of his enlistment in this last named Company was at New-Nulbury NY the term of his enlistment and service four—months, and the place he marched to and served at in mounting guard was Schoharie at the middle fort of that town.

In the fall of the year 1778, he enlisted & served for the term of one year in Captain Peter Bunschoten's (4) Company of State troops. His other company & field officers he cannot recollect.

The place of his enlistment in the company last named was at New Hackensack N. York the term of his enlistment one year as aforsaid, and the posts he served at Hackensack aforsaid in mounting guard.

In the Spring of the year 1779 he was enrolled at the Rhinebeck flats in Captain James Kipp's (5) Company of Militia & served therein under one engagement until the end of the said war. The names of his other company & field officers he cannot recollect except Colonel Graham & Major Harman. (6) The places he served at were West Point, Fishkill, Eospus [Kingston] & other places not recollected.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia, regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Colonel Cortland, General TenBroeck & others—

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, his associates in most he believes are all dead—

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit: Lawrence Vrooman & William Burgess—

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) Cornelius Barnhart

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforsaid. John S. Vrooman, Clerk.

And the said Cornelius Barnhart being further duly sworn deposeseth and saith, that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot call to mind the different terms of his engagement as a private in Captain Kipp's company of Militia aforsaid, yet is certain that the whole period of his services as such private exceeds in the whole two month and this Deponent further saith that he served four months in Captain Woolsey's company of State Troops for one year in Captain Peter Benschoten's Company of State troops partially set forth in the written declaration and for the aforsaid actual and active service of eighteen months this deponent claims a pension – and this deponent further said that serving said eighteen months, he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. (Signed) Cornelius Barnhart

Subscribed and Sworn this 6th day of June 1833 before me. J. D. Harman. Justice of th ePeace

Another deposition on April 18, 1854 was given by his widow Elizabeth. In this deposition she states she was married to Cornelius Barnhart on or about the 20th day of February one thousand eight hundred and nine and that her husband died on the seventh day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty four in the Town of

Niskayuna. She stated they were married by Nathan Bennett Esquire, a Justice of the Peace at the Town of Ballston in the County of Saratoga, at the time stated.

End Notes—W.83447—Cornelius Barnhart

1. Francis Smith was Captain of the Fifth Company in Colonel Jesse Woodhull's First Regiment of Orange County Militia.
2. Elihu Marvin was the Lieutenant-Colonel of Colonel Woodhull's Regiment.
3. So far no record has been found for Captain John Woolsey.
4. The only Peter VanBeuschoten that could be found served as a First Lieutenant in the Fourth New York Continental Regiment. The name of Cornelius Barnhart could not be found on the muster rolls for this regiment.
5. Jacobus or James Kip was the Captain of the Fifth Company in Colonel Morris Graham's First Regiment of Dutchess County Militia.
6. No record of Major Harmon has been found.