

Pension Application for Silas Barns

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832
State of Massachusetts
County of Berkshire SS

On this 27th day of September Anno Domini 1832 personally appeared before the Hon. Wm. P. Walker, Judge of the Court of Probate now sitting in Lenox the s'd County Silas Barns a resident of West Stockbridge in the said County of Berkshire aged seventy one years, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the spring of the year A.D. 1778 I think with Capt Hull a Capt Herrins recruiting officers Roswell Barnes and John Lynch enlisted at the same time Place of enlistment was West Stockbridge afores'd I went from there to Fishkill, said Barns & Lynch went with me then I went to West Point & worked on the fort about three weeks, I then went to Kings Ferry & it was there I think I joined the Army & served in a company commanded by Captain John Chadwick, Regiment of Colonel Brewer of the Massachusetts line and General Pattersons Brigade.

From thence I went to White Plains when I left there I went to Danbury, from Danbury I went to Hartford and staid there most of the winter following my enlistment. My business there was to keep guard.

A short time before the period of my enlistment expired & returned to West Point and was there discharged when the period of my enlistment expired.

The name of the person who commanded the guard at Hartford I cannot recollect. I have lost my discharge.

I enlisted & served the full period of nine months and received a Discharge as above. I never was in any battle my place of resident when I enlisted was West Stockbridge afores'd. The time I left the service I cannot precisely tell but according to the best of my recollection I enlisted in April as before stated & was discharged in the winter following.

He was born at Northington Connecticut Dec 26th 1760.

In July 1779 I entered the service of the United States as a militia man in the company commanded by Captain Ambrose Hill, General Ward, had the command of the forces at New Haven to which place & went for one month & staid there in the said service during said month & staid there in the said service during said month I do not recollect whether our company was joined to any regiment.

Ata the end of the month I was discharged. I went form West Stockbridge to New Haven residing at that time in West Stockbridge I as in no battle. I went with Jonathan Benton whose affidavit is annexed for the year 1777 I also entered the service of the United States as a militia man & went from West Stockbridge. Darius Lewis, Elisha Woodruff, John Ford & some others went at the same time.

We went to Fort Edward & there staid a short time & then went to Fort George & from thence to Fort George & from thence to Kingsbury & joined a company commanded

by Captain Rowley. I do not recollect the Colonels name, General Ashley was I believe the General & then returned to Fort Edward & then we retreated to Fort Miller & then retreated to Saratoga & then to Stillwater & there were men met by the Army of the United States & soon after were discharged the whole time I was on duty was about six or seven weeks.

He was born as before Stated at Northington in the State of Connecticut in the year 1760.

He has no record of his age. Has further kept a record of the ages of his family in his Bible which is in the possession of my Brothers Elisha Barns afs'd Wt. Stockbridge.

He lived in said West Stockbridge when he entered the services, where he now lives & has lived since April 1776 or 1777 when he removed from s'd Northington to said West Stockbridge.

He never received a written discharge.

He is known to the Rev. Munson C. Gaylord & Stephen John who will testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. They both reside in said West Stockbridge.

For proof of his aforesaid services he refers to the Depositions which are hereunto annexed, to wit, in the Depositions of Jonathan Benton. Agrippa Halls & Stephen brown

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension, lo roan annuity, except he present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Silas Barns

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. W. P. Walker, J Probate.