

Pension Application for Samuel Barnum

S.544335

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

Samuel Barnum of Easton in the County of Washington being duly sworn deposeseth and saith that on the 15th day of March 1776, he this deponent enlisted in a company commanded by Capt. Joshua Barnum (commonly called minute men) and went into service at New York in which company this deponent served until the 2nd day of April of the same year at which time he this deponent enlisted for nine months in a company commanded by Capt. Billings in Coll. Rickman's Regiment in which company and regiment he this deponent served until the 14th day of December of the same year. That he this deponent then enlisted as a private soldier for during the war in a company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Felton in Coll. Philip Cortlandt's Regiment in the New York Line in which company & Regiment this deponent served until the said Benjamin Felton left the service at which time this deponent was transferred to Capt. Jonathan Hallet's company in said Regiment in which regiment this deponent served until September 1782 at which time by order of General Washington this deponent was transferred to the Regiment commanded by Col. Butler in the Connecticut Line in which Regiment this deponent served until the 7th day of June 1783 at which time this deponent was honorably discharged from from [sic] service—and this deponent further saith that he had a discharge from service signed by General Washington which said discharge was destroyed by fire by having his house burned. That this deponent was in the battles at the taking of Burgoyne and Cornwallis—and this deponent further saith that he was fifty nine years old the 22nd? Day of December last that he is in such reduce[d] circumstances as to be in need of assistance from his country for support – and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Samuel Barnum

I Jonathan Rouse one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Rensselaer do hereby certify that on the 8th day of April 1818 Samuel Barnum came before me and made Solemn Oath to the foregoing deposition which proof was satisfactory to me that he had performed the services as a private soldier in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy as is therein set forth and I further certify that he is in reduce circumstances so as to stand in need of assistance from his country for support. Jonathan Rouse