

## **Pension Application for Stephen Barnum**

S.23114

State of Vermont

Addison County

On this 3d day of July in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Circuit Court [?] said County of Addison now in Session in Middlebury in said County Stephen Barnum resident of Shoreham where he has resided for the last past six years, in said County of Addison and state of Vermont aged seventy five 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That in the year AD 1776 that he the said Stephen was a sergeant in a Militia Company in the town of Lanesboro in the County of Berkshire and state of Massachusetts of which Daniel Brewer of said Lanesboro was Captain; and in the month of May of the said year 1665 he went at the head of a party of volunteers consisting of fifteen as a scouting party to Williamstown in said County of Berkshire and to New Lebanon in the state of New York, and we went to the best of my recollection as a detachment from the company of said Capt Brown by the order of Colo Simonds of said Williamstown, who was colonel of the Regiment to which s'd Capt Brown's company belonged.

We were out about two weeks at that time, and in the month of December of the same year 1776 he went as a sergeant in a company of volunteers of which David Wheeler of said Lanesboro, was Captain to Ticonderoga in the State of New York to defend the said fort against the enemy and remained there until the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March of the year 1777 when we were disbanded having served three months for which term we received pay when we were discharged, and afterwards in the month of April of the year 1777 we went as one of a scouting party consisting of about thirty years from Lanesboro, afores'd to Green Bush in the state of New York where we resided until sometime in the month of May of the same year.

We were out about one month, and then returned home and afterwards in the month of July about the first of July according to the best of my recollection, in the year 1777 I went in a company commanded by said Capt David Wheeler from s'd Lanesboro by the way of Lansingboro the first time in the State of New York where we met the British Army under Genl Burgoyne advancing and we retreated to Fort Edward and soon after returned to North [Wind?] to near Sandy Hill where we remained of several days and then returned home about the 12<sup>th</sup> of August of the same year to gather in the harvest; and in two or three days after according to my best recollection after and return where the alarm of the enemy's returning towards Bennington in the State of Vermont [?] and turned out as a volunteer and marched under s'd Capt Daniel Brown to Bennington where said was engaged in the Battle of Bennington and in which I was myself present and acting and after about a week we returned home.

And afterwards, in the month of September of the year 1777 I went as one of a scouting party from s'd Lanesboro to Hoosack in the State of New York and thence to

Stephentown and to Phillipstown in s'd State of New York and we were out about one month and returned home in the month of October following. (Signed) Stephen Barnum  
Sworn and subscribed in open Court this 3d day of July 'AD 1832. E.D. Barber  
Clerk