

Pension Application for Thomas Barnum

R.550 (Widow: Anna) Married September 1776. He died February 17, 1836.
Letter in folder dated October 11, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on; file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, R.550, based upon the military service of Thomas Barnum in that war.

Thomas Barnum was born February 22, 1752, in Danbury, Connecticut. No reference is made to his parents.

While a resident of Lanesboro, Massachusetts, he enlisted in January 1776 and served six weeks as private in Captain Nathan Pierce's Massachusetts Company. He enlisted in September 1776 and served two and one half months in Captain Joseph Barns' Company, Colonel Simonds' Massachusetts Regiment. He enlisted May 1, 1777 and served one month at Manchester, names of officers not stated. He enlisted in June 1777 and served twenty-two days on an alarm, names of officers not stated. He enlisted June 27, 1777, served one week in Captain; Daniel Brown's Massachusetts Company and was in the battle of Bennington. He enlisted in June 1778 and served one and one half months in Lieutenant Thaddeus Munson's Massachusetts Company. He enlisted in July 1779 and served one month and ten days at New Haven, Connecticut, names of officers not stated. He enlisted in 1780 and served one and one half months in Captain; Daniel Brown's Massachusetts Company. He enlisted in October 1781 and served one half month in captain brown's Massachusetts Company. He served at other times on alarms, amounting to one and one half months in all, names of officers not stated.

In 1788 he moved from Lanesboro, Massachusetts, to Shoreham, Vermont.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 4, 1832, while a resident of Shoreham, Addison County, Vermont.

He died February 17, 1836, in Shoreham, Vermont.

Thomas Barnum married March 28, 1776, Anna Skeal or Skeals, who was born February 4, 1757, in Woodbury Connecticut.

They were married in Lanesboro, Massachusetts, at the home of the father (his name not stated) of Stephen King, where she had been reared. In 1836, the said Stephen King was living in Shoreham, Vermont, and was then aged eighty-one years "an upwards", his relationship to Anna Skeal or Skaals Barnum, not stated.

In 1832 one Stephen Barnum as living in Shoreham, Vermont, relationship to family not stated.

The following names of children of soldier and his wife, Anna are shown:

Molly born April 12, 1779, living in Shoreham, Vt., in 1837, her name then Molly Conant.

Simeon born February 8, 1782, died June 20, 1825.

Olive born January 28, 1784.

Lydia born May 19, 1786, died March 26 . . .

Cyrus born May 27, 1788, living in Shoreham, Vt., in 1837.

Anah born September 27, 1790.

Truman King born June 14, 1793.

Loring born November 28, 1796.

Thomas born February 21, 1801, died on the 23rd day of the same month.