

**Pension Application for Ebenezer Bartlett**

S.32109 Born in Newburgh, Orange County NY, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1759. Died in Clark County, Illinois December 3, 1838.

At a Court of Common Pleas holden at the Court House in the Village of Elmira in and for the County of Tioga in the State of New York commencing on the fourth day of September 1832. Present Hon. Grant B. Baldwin, First Judge. John R. Drake. Darius Bentley. Joseph L. Darling & Elijah Shoemaker Esqrs, Judges.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges aforesaid being a Court of Record because made so by the Constitution and Laws of the State having by law a clerk and seal, now witting Ebenezer Bartlett a resident of Elmira in the County of Tioga and State of New York aged seventy three years the fourth day of October next 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832—that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated—Towards the beginning of the winter of '75 he lived in the Town of Bloomingrove, County of Orange in the State of New York, turned out as Minute Men for two months, went to Fort Constitution, nearly opposite to West Point served out the term and returned home—

In the spring of the next year '76 and sometime in the month of March enlisted for one year in the company commanded by Capt. Daniel Denton was marched to the City of New York and attached to the immediate command of Brig. Gen. Lord Sterling who commanded about two months and then Gen. Alexander McDougall took the command and the head quarters of this Corps were at the Bowery—at the same time a Regiment of New England Troops were stationed nearly opposite under the command of Col. Samuel Be. Webb—a great number of other troops were quartered in other parts of the city, the object of which was to defend the city against an attack by the enemy and it was generally spoken of at the time that they intended to take it as soon as circumstances would permit—The Asia man of [?] lay off in sight and they were from all appearances making preparations to attack and take the City—on the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of August an engagement took place on Long Island Generals Sterling and Sullivan commanded the American forces in this battle and were defeated—Gen. Washington crossed on the Long Island from the city just at the close of the engagement—This deponent was not in this engagement the corps in which he was being kept in reserve but he saw the operations as they went on—

The force to which this deponent belonged was then marched about 7 miles up the river to a place called the 7 mile stone when we made a halt till the enemy drove us off and we march'd to Harlem Heights—this was on Sunday and in the later part of September—the American lines were drawn from river to river and on Monday morning the British commenced a general attack upon us.—we held the ground and maintained our position but were eventually ordered to White Plains when our main force was commanded by Gen. McDougall—here we had an engagement with the enemy which lasted six hours—about this time new commissions were issued and this deponents Lieutenant, Nathan Strong was commissioned Capt, and our company under Capt. Strong with some others were ordered into the State of New Jersey where this deponent remained till the taking of the Hessians—His deponent was then by reason of ill health unfit for duty received a furlough from Capt. Strong to return home which he did, but in about a month was ordered out under Gen. Marvin to Tappan Bay where he remained two months and returned home about the first of April '77—he then enlisted into a company of light horse for the term of during the war sometime in the month of April last aforesaid and continued as a private in that company till the summer of 1783 when he was discharged with the rest of the company—This

was a volunteer company commanded by Captain Ebenezer Woodhull and under Gen. George Clinton we found our own horses and equipage and the general nature of our service was to get as spies, guards express and on scouts for taking the tours of whom we took many and among them the famous Claudius Smith—this deponent was on guard at the time he was hung—The scene of our operations was along the North River and through the neighboring frontier settlements—that he has no documentary evidence of his services but can prove them by Gen. Matthew Carpenter in the light horse and his other services by no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to them—

Answer to the several interrogatories put by the court he says that he was born at Newburg in the County of Orange in the State of New York on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 1759.—

That he has no record of his age but retains a knowledge of it as given to him by his parents—that when he first entered the service he lived in the Town of Bloomingrove, County of Orange and State of New York—after the war he lived at the same place till he came to Elmira his present residence to where he has lived forty years—that he entered the service in every instance as a volunteer.

That he has already stated the names of the regular officers with whom he was acquainted and such circumstances of his service as he can recollect—that he never received any discharge except a verbal one.

That he would refer to Col. John Hendy Gen. Matthew Carpenter—Thomas Maxwell Esquire and John Davis as persons who are acquainted with his reputation for truth and veracity and who can testify to their belief in the truth of the foregoing declaration that 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) Ebenezer Bartlett

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Green M. Tuthill. Clk

Letter dated July 11, 1929, written in response to a letter of inquiry.

I advise you that, from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.32109, it appears that Ebenezer Bartlett was born October 4, ;1759, at Newburgh, Orange County, New York.

While a resident of Blooming Grove, Orange County, New York, he enlisted and served with the New York Troops as follows: From December 1775, two months as a private under Captains Thomas Moffatt and John Wisner and Colonel Henry Wisner; from March 1, 1776, ten months under Captains Daniel Denton and Nathan Strong, in Colonel Jesse Woodhull's Regiment, and was in the battles of Fort Montgomery, Harlem and White Plains; from January 1777, two months under Captain Seth Marvin and Colonel Henry Wisner; between April 1, 1777 and the fall of 1781, twenty-six months as a private under Lieutenant James Sayre, Captain Ebenezer Woodhull and Colonel Jess Woodhull.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 5, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Elmira, New York.

In 1838 he moved to Clark County, Illinois, to live with his children, their names not stated. The names of his wife and parents do not appear in the papers of the pension claim.

He died December 3, 1838.