

Pension Application for James Barton

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I, James Barton of Castine aged seventy three years do testify and declare that about the month of February 1777 I enlisted for three years into the Continental Army of the United States and as near as I can now recollect the following are the incidents of my revolutionary services—about June 1777 I with others joined the main army at Ticonderoga—about July we were defeated by Burgoyne and retreated to Stillwater where sometime after General Gates arrived and took command Genl Gates made some new organization of the army—among other things Capt Vincent of the Light Infantry requested volunteers to join his company.

I turned out among others and joined him under Col. Morgan. In October an engagement took place with Burgoynes Army which resulted in his Capture. In this engagement I was wounded by a Musket ball in the leg which with the Fever which ensued confined me to the Hospital first at Albany and afterwards at Skenactady [Schenectady] in about eleven weeks—after I was able to leave the Hospital Lieut Gibbons wen with me to Genl Nixon and requested a Furlough for me of forty days—which was granted. I then went to Boston to visit my friends and took papers as far as Worcester in the continental Waggon.

In thirty two days from the date of my Furlough I again joined the army at Albany and reported myself to Capt Reed in Col. Aldens Regiment the Company in which I first enlisted. It never was suggested to me that I ought to have report myself to Capt Vincent in whose Company I was wounded—I certainly considered it as a Volunteer movement which ended with the occasion which gave me to it. I remained in Capt Reeds Company at Albany until the next spring when about May 1779 I marched with a part of the army to Cherry Valley where we had an engagement with the Indians and sometime about December I was among the Detachment who returned to Albany for Winter Quarters where I remained until about the month of February 1780 when a few days before my three years service expired I received an honourable discharge from Col. Brooks now the chief Magistrate of this Commonwealth before my application was returned form the War office it was never suggested to me that my name appeared on the Rolls as a deserter.

It is certainly possible I might have been marked for Desertion by mistake in Capt. Vincents Company after my furlough had expired when in fact I was at the same time doing duty in Capt Reeds after my furlough had expired when in fact I was at the same time doing duty in Capt Reeds Company and Col Aldens Regiment where I first enlisted. I now most solemnly declare that I never did desert from the standard of my Country for hose Bounty I have heretofore made application and at which this Deposition is intended to be explanatory.

(Signed with his mark) James Barton.

August 28, 1819 sworn to as true before Moses L. Judkins Not. Pub. & Just Peace