

Pension Application for Barnabas (Barnabus) Bates

W.17846 (Widow: Sylvia or Silvia) Married January 18, 1787, he died August 13, 1835. Revolutionary Pensioners.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On this Tenth day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before Wilkins Wood Esq, Judge of the Court of Probate now sitting at Wareham within and for said County of Plymouth, Barnabas Bates a resident of Wareham in said County of Plymouth, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged eighty four 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 act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

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. That is to say, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States sometime in the month of April in the year 1775 when he was appointed a lieutenant of a company raised specially for the protection and defense of the sea-coast around the head of Buzzards bay, commanded by Capt Nathaniel Hammond of Rochester in said County of Plymouth and was stationed in Wareham the most of the time upon a separate detachment of said company with nineteen men for six months the periods for which said company was raised.

On the 9th of May 1776 he commenced a tour of service in a company commanded by Capt. Stephen Wing as First lieutenant of the same with which he did duty three months at Roxbury Judah Sears was 2d lieutenant of said company and Simon Cary of Bridgewater Col. Of the Regiment, to which said company was attached.

In the year 1778 soon after the surrender of Gen. Burgoynes army he was ordered to Boston when he served two months as first lieutenant of a company commanded by Capt. John Barrows of Middleborough in performing guard duty over the British prisoners. Andrew McCauly was 2nd Lieut of said company and he believes that Col [blank] [?] of Boston was the immediate commanding officer of the guard, Major Gen Heath was at that time in command, at Boston and to ;whom the officers made their reports and by whom they were discharged when their tour of duty was at an end.

In the month of September 1776 being then command of small coasting, except lying at Wareham partly loaded with core wood for Newport, in Rhode Island he together with his vessel were completed into the service of the government of the United States by Col [blank] Sims of Boston to take troops and mortars from Sandwich in the County of Barndable [Barnstable?] to New York. But on their way that in Long Island served having that the British had taken possession of that City, they put into Norwalk in the State of Connecticut, where they discharged their passengers and mortars were permitted, returned to said Wareham with his vessel, making something something [sic]] like about six weeks that, he and his vessel were then detained in the service of the United States.

On the 6th day of September 1778 being then First Lieutenant of a ;company commanded by John Gibbs of the 4th Regt in the county of Plymouth, commanded by Col. Ebenezer Splot marched on an alarm to Dartmouth in the County of Bristol, and was then in service five days.

On the 13th day of the same month of Sept. 1776, being 1st Lieut as aforesaid marched for Wareham under the command of Capt John Gibbs on an alarm to Falmouth in said County of Barnsdall and was there in service five days.

On the 31st day of July 1780 being 1st Lieut, as aforesaid marched by order of the Executive Council of Massachusetts into the State of Rhode Island when he was under the command of Lieut Col. {blank} White and served nine days.

In addition to this from the gloomy periods of 1775 until the full establishment and recognition of the independence of these States in '83 he was engaged in; raising men, loaning money from his own resources for advance pay and bounty writing as an agent for this place (Waregan) upon the Congress as then called, which at that time about at [Waretown?] for advances to meet the demands then made upon the town without receiving any compensation for his trouble. Whether this be a subject, calculated to stamp his services with any additional value he leaves the agents of the government legally one thousand for that purpose to determine.

There was also one tour of service he performed in the state of Rhode Island—subsequent to the time before stated, but of what particular duration, or under what officers he cannot say. Thence he will name or time, and wait for a farther disclosure of that testimony which may be thought, important to establish his claims to the County and generosity of his country.

In further the ;addition to what is here stated he would observe that on the first tour of service he performed at Boston, Roxbury, which was the same thing he was taken sick and remained so for about three weeks before he was enabled to return home—and during this time was attended by Andrew Macker of said Wareham, who was Surgeon of the Regt and Joshua Gibbs of said Wareham who belonged to the Quarter Master or Commissary's Department.

He the said Barnabas Bates was born at Wareham in the year 1748 & the 20th day of June N.S. and has always aided in said Tour. His birth he presumes is recorded around the records of said tour. (Signed) Barnabas Bates.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid attest. Jacob H. Loud, Register.