

Pension Application for Simeon Baxter

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State of Connecticut Tolland County SS.

Tolland Probate District on this 16th day of November 1833.

Personally appeared before the Court of Probate for the District of Tolland now open and in service, Simeon Baxter a Resident of Tolland within said Probate District in the County of Tolland in said Probate District in the County of Tolland in said State of Connecticut aged eighty 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit.

That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the war of the revolution in the month of March 1776 about the time General How evacuated the Town of Boston as I now well remember, as a volunteer for the time of two months and served the full term of two months near Boston under the following named officers, to wit. Captain Hallet, Lieutenant Haws and Lieutenant Daniel Bassett, the Ensign's name I do not now remember, General Washing had the command and was present, during those two months service I assisted in building three forts on Dorchester heights immediately after I entered the service as above stated. I was marched from Barnstable Massachusetts when I then lived to Boston Ms and served the term of two months as above stated, I was then dismissed and returned home to said Barnstable.

That on the 1 day of June 1777 I inlisted as a private soldier in the Army of the United States for the term of two years the Captains name under whom I inlisted. I do not now remember my Lieutenant was the same Lieutenant Daniel Bassett above named, I well remember him he lived in said Barnstable the same place in which I resided, but is now dead, after my inlistment I was employed and served as waiter to said Lieutenant Bassett until he resigned his Commission, which was one year and six months after I inlisted aforesaid being on or about the 1st day of December 1778 when said Bassett resigned his Commission the 1st day of December 1778 he procured my discharge or dismissal as I was his waiter and I then left the service with him and returned home to said Barnstable, after I inlisted as above stated.

I was immediately marched from said Barnstable where I then lived and where I inlisted to Providence Rhodes Island from thence to Windham Connecticut and thence to Hartford Connecticut thence to Albany in the State of New York & thence to near fort Ti and from place to place in that section of the State of New York, during this campaign my business and that of the Company to which I belonged was to watch the movements of the enemy and to intersect the march of Genl Burgoine until he was taken October 1777 and after the capture of Burgoine by General Gates our business was to watch the enemy and take care of sick & wounded & the Cannon & other munitions of war.

This [campaing?] I served the full term of eighteen months as above stated, and when dismissed the first of December 1778 I returned home as above stated, and afterwards as I now believe in the spring of 1780 I removed to Tolland in the county of Tolland in the State of Connecticut where I have ever since lived and now reside, soon

after I came to said Tolland I again entered the service of the United States in the war of the revolution as a Substitute for a man whose name I have forgotten and served one month at Guilford and Brumford Ct., the officers names under whom I served this month I do not remember after I was dismissed I returned home, and soon afterwards, I again entered the service as a substitute for a man by the name of Pelton belonging to Chatham Connecticut and served as such for two months Pelton is now dead the Captains name under whom I served these two months was Stockinga and my Lieuts name was John Roberts, I was march'd from said Tolland to [?] such near N. York and from thence to Quaker Ridge (so called) and served out the full term of two months and was then dismissed and returned home to said Tolland, the officers with whom I served I believe are all dead and I do verily believe that all the private soldiers who served with me are also dead, and I do not know of any person living who can testify to my services, I remember that General Lincoln and General Arnold were both in service and in command in the State of New York while I was in the service there, during the campaign of eighteen months, and I do not now remember any more officers [?] I served there than those named in this my Declaration.

And that in answer to the interrogatories put by the Court as prescribed by the War Department, I declare and say I was born at Yarmouth in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the year 1753.

I have no word of my age, when I was first called into service I lived at said Barnstable. Since the revolutionary war I have resided in Tolland in Tolland and State of Connecticut. The first two months I served I was a volunteer, the second campaign, I inlisted, the third campaign and the fourth also I served as a Substitute in ten manner as stated in my Declaration above, and I remember that General Lincoln & Genl Arnold were also in the service when and where I served in the campaign of eighteen months in the State of N. York and that I do not now remember any other officers than those I have mentioned. I never had a discharge as I remember if I had any I have lost it.

I am known to Rowland Lathrop & John Warner Esquire both of Tolland in the County of Tolland and state of Connecticut who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

I have no documentary evidence and that I do not know of any person or persons living who can testify to my service and verily believe the officers and soldiers with whom I served are all dead, if not dead their place of residence is not known to me, and I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Simeon Baxter

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Rowland Lathrop and John Warren.