

Pension Application for Amaziah Carrier

S.12438 Amaziah was born July 17th 1754 and died December 25, 1832.

State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS.

On this Twelfth day of September 1832 personally appeared before me Isaac McConihe one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Rensselaer Amaziah Carrier resident of the Town of Stephentown in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York aged seventy eight 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered in the spring of the year 1775 and went to Boston and served two weeks with the volunteers and then enlisted in the company commanded by Captain King of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Fellers and served eight months on the Boston station and then enlisted in Captain Thompsons Company of the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Nixon and remained there until the opening of the west campaign then marched for the city of New York, had an engagement with the British on the 17th September 1776 from thence to New Jersey and through New Jersey into Pennsylvania then back to Trenton, had an engagement with the British at that place some time in the month of December 1776. . and another the next morning at Princetown took 200 prisoners then remained in said state until discharged after having served under Captain Thompson one year and one month, then I returned to Spencertown Columbia County and State of New York where he resided when he volunteered in 1775, and in the winter of 1778, he went as a substitute under Captain Fonday of the militia Regiment commanded by Colonel Bakeman or Bateman (does not recollect the man's name) destined for Canada marched from Spencertown aforesaid where he then resided to Albany (went to Hartford with prisoners) was discharged some time in the month of May after having served three months.

In the month of June following went as a substitute (does not recollect for whom) under Captain Dunmore and marched from Spencertown aforesaid where he then resided to Cherry Valley to guard against the Indians and served one month and then took another man's place and served two weeks, afterwards went as a substitute (does not recollect for whom) in an expedition destined to retake the City of New York after having served about six weeks was discharged in consequence of Arnold's plot having been discovered that he thinks he never had any written discharge from service, that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person except the following who can testify to his service or any part thereof, 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 or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of New York. (Signed) Amaziah Carrier

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. J.M. Conihe, Judge of Rens County Courts &c.

Letter in folder dated May 21, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.12438, based upon the military service of Amaziah Carrier.

He was born July 17, 1754. The place of his birth and the names of his parents were not given.

While a resident of Spencertown, Columbia County, New York, he volunteered in the spring of 1775, marched to Boston and served two weeks as private with the Massachusetts troops, names of officers not given. Immediately after the expiration of this service he enlisted in Captain King's Company in Colonel Fellows' Massachusetts regiment, was stationed at Boston and served eight months. He then enlisted and served one year and one month in Captain Thompson's company in Colonel John Nixon's Massachusetts regiment and was in the battles of Hazllem Heights, Trenton and Princeton. He enlisted in the winter of 1778 and served three months in Captain Fonda's company in Colonel Beeckman's New

York regiment. He enlisted in June, 1778, and served six weeks in Captain Demmon's New York company. He afterwards enlisted to go on an expedition to retake the city of New York but after serving about six weeks was discharged "in consequence of Arnold's plot having been discovered", no further details of this service given.

Amaziah Carrier applied for pension September 12, 1832, while living in Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York. The claim was allowed.

He died December 25, 1832, in Stephentown, New York, having lived there since about 1786.

His widow, Abia, was seventy-six years of age in 1833. A son, Samuel C. Carrier, was living in 1833. The papers in this claim contain no further data relative to the soldier's family.