

Pension Application for Joseph TarBush

W.19432 (Widow: Christiana) Joseph and Christiana Webs married October 1780.
Joseph died January 17, 1842.

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this nineteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared [before] me Stephen Thorn one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Dutchess—Joseph TarBush a resident of the town of Pine Plains in said County of Dutchess and State aforesaid aged sixty six years the 28th day of January last past 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 that is to say.

That he was born as he understands on the 28th day of January 1766 in what is now the Town of Fishkill in said County of Dutchess and moved from there when only a few years of age with his father and family to what is now called the Town of Pine Plains In said County of Dutchess. That he has no record of his age nor does he know of any.

That as early as about the year 1776 he knew Isaac B. Smith then a boy about the age of this deponent who also lived in said town of Pine Plains. That he has known since J. B. Smith ever since and said Smith now lives a mile or two from this deponent in the town of Gallitan in Columbia County. That said Smiths farm adjoins said Town of Pine Plains (which town of Pine Plains was formerly sometimes called Little Nine Partners).

Further this deponent saith that he first entered the service of the United States as a soldier in the revolutionary war in the Militia of said State of New York in the fourteenth year of his age and in the month of April or about the first of May in the year 1779, then residing in what is now said town of Pine Plains. That he so entered said service as a substitute for a number of the Militia, belonging in Col. Morris Graham[’s] Regiment of the Militia, who were classed on a requisition or draft made, and each class required to furnish a man. The names of such persons for whom he so went this deponent cannot recollect.

That he was mustered at Rhinebeck in said County of Dutchess that year and marched to Sopus (Kingston) Marbletown, Wasink Mamacating Hollow where the company remained some month or two in the a picket fort. Thence they marched to Big Shandaking. Thence on to the Delaware River down the East branch and up the West Branch of that river to a place called the Cook House.

Thence they marched to Ockwago and Tuscarora expecting to Join Genl Sullivan there. That finding a letter as it was then said left by Gen Sullivan pinned to a tree, that Gen. Sullivan was eight days ahead of them. They were returned back to Fishkill where they staid a short time and were then marched to Stony Point where he

assisted in repairing a building the fort which as it was then understood had been a few days before left by the British.

That he remained at Stony Point till about Christmas and was then marched to Poughkeepsie and then discharged the last of December 1779 or the first of January 1780. That he so went into the service as an eight months man and served out his time and when so discharged he resided no written evidence of his service or discharge.

That he so served in the Regiment of col. Albert Pawling who is now living at Try in Renselaer [Rensselaer] County in said State of New York, and who as this deponent is informed by Ulysses Cole a former Post Master in said county of Columbia, is at this time considerable infirm and on the application of said Cole informed him that he had no writings showing the services of any of the soldiers under his command nor did he recollect this deponent for John A. Turk who will be herein after referred to. That his Captain was a Capt. Hunter or Hunting whose Lieut was Henry Pawling. That the Regiment in which he so served was so detached and scattered at the numerous and small points and stations that this deponent did not from much acquaintance with or have much knowledge of the officers on that frontier or along that line.

That he does not recollect the names of any officers of the regular army (if any were in that section). That he after being so discharged returned to said Town of Pine Plains to reside with his mother, his father having died a few years before with the small pox taken in New York while he was a prisoner to the British.

And this deponent further saith that in the spring of the year 1780 and about the same time as the year before he again entered the same service as a substitute for a class of the militia who were to furnish a man, in the same manner as the year before. The names of those persons for whom he so went he cannot at this late day recollect.

That this year also he went on an eight months tour the regiment of said Col Albert Pawling and under the said Henry Pawling as Captain whose Lieut was Henry van Hovenburgh and he thinks John J. Van Duesen was also a Lieut or Ensign.

That this year he was mustered at Sopus (Kingston) and marched to Big Shandakin which was back of Sopus in Ulster County NY and near the Blue Mountains as they were then called. That their head quarters this year were at Big Shandakin from which place they were principally engaged for the season in scouting about that section of country for a distance of twenty or thirty miles in particular to and from what was called Packatockin and along the Blue Mountains to Woodstock and South Shandakin. That he was principally engaged in these scouts, going out perhaps a days march one day and back the next.

That he knows of but one person by whom he can prove his said services this year, and that person is one John A. Tuck whose testimony he expects to be able to have accompany his this deponents declaration.

That said John A. Turk was during all this season a soldier in the same company with this deponent and lay with him at Big Shandakin and served with him this deponent during this campaign for eight months. That they were discharged this

year at Big Shandakin or at Sopus or Marbletown which this deponent cannot say about the last of December 1780 or the first of January 1781, without any from or written evidence of service or discharge when this deponent again returned to his mothers at Pine Plans.

Further this deponent saith that in the spring of the year 1781 he this deponent again entered the service of the United States and about the same time in the spring as the preceding years—That he so entered the service as the man furnished by a class of the militia as he had done before. This deponent then being as he thinks enrolled in the militia and forming one of such class to turn out a man.

That he served this year under the same officers as the year last before. That they were mustered at Sopus and marched to Shawgunk [Shawangunk] where they had head quarters that season and remained and served his eight months and were discharged at their head quarters Shawunk or marched back to Sopus or Marbletown (which he cannot say) that the last of December or first of January following having performed and been engaged in much the same manner and served in scouting as he had been the year proceeding while stationed at Big Shandakin.

That said John A. Turk is his only witness for this campaign which said John a. Turk was for this tour of eight months gain a soldier with him and in the same company.

That they received no written evidence of his discharge nor of his services this year. That on being so discharged he again returned to his mother's at Pine Plains aforesaid.

Further this deponent saith that the said John A. Turk about the year 1790 came to reside in said Town of Pine Plains and has ever since so resided and s'd class reside in said town of Pine Plains and this deponent has been intimately and familiarly acquainted with him s'd Turk ever since they so served in the war of Revolution.

And this deponent further saith in the spring of the year 1782 and about the same time of the year he again entered the same service and went as he had done the last preceding year as the one from a class to furnish a man for eight months.

That he was mustered this year as he well recollects at Fishkill inaid County of Dutchess and again went on to Shawconk where they had their station this season and had much the same duty to perform as the year last preceding. That he so served as a soldier this season eight months and was discharged at Kingston Ulster County NY the last of December or fist of January following without any written evidence of his discharge or services which was the last of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and John A. Turk not being with him this year.

That Col. Pawling this season was not in the service at least was not the commander of the troops to which this deponent belonged. But that the Colonel this year was Frederick Weissenfels the Captain said Henry Pawling and his Lieut one John Finck or Fink—and this deponent does not know of any person living with or under whom he served any of the time except said Col. Pawling and John A. Turk. This deponent further saith he thinks there was a Captain White and a Captain Livingston in the same Regiment the last year he served and he thinks the last year

but one that he served there was in the company with him one Levi Westfall who had previous thinks been a soldier in the regular service.

Further this deponent saith that after he was last discharged as heretofore mentioned he returned to said Town of Pine Plains and has ever since resided there and in Ancram in said County of Columbia adjoining and only about five miles from said town of Pine Plains and now does reside in said Town of Pine Plains.

This deponent further saith that there is no Clergyman in Pine Plains permanently located near in the county that is as well informed as to his age reputation and character as others he shall hereafter name to wit Reuben W. Bostwick, Postmaster at said Town of Pine Plains, William Woollen of same place., all of whom this deponent believes will testify to his good character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Further he the said Joseph TarBush does hereby relinquish 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. Further saith not. Dated July 19th 1832. (Signed with his mark) Joseph TarBush.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 19th day of July 1832. Stephen Thorn, Judge &c.

Letter in folder dated June 8, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Benjamin TerBush (Variously spelled) of Little Nine Partners, New York, who died about 1777, and in which you state that his son, Joseph, received a pension.

A search of the Revolutionary War records of this office has been made and no claim for pension or bounty land found which has made to the United States based upon service of a Benjamin TerBush, under any spelling of that surname. The record of Joseph Tar Bush (his name show also Tarbush) is furnished herein as found in the papers on file in pension claim-W.19432, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War. It is hoped that his record may aid you in your research.

Joseph Tar Bush (Tarbush) was born January 28, 1766 in Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, and moved with his parents at the age of about five years to Pine Plains (called also Little Nine Partners), Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents were not given; his father died of smallpox "taken in New York while he was a prisoner to the British"; his mother lived in Pine Plains during the period of the Revolutionary War.

Joseph RarBush (Tarbush) enlisted first in May 1779, before he was fourteen years of age, served as private in Captain Hunter's company, under Colonel Morris Graham and Albert Pawling in the New York troops and was discharged sometime in December, during which period he marched from Esopus (Kingston) to join General General [sic] Sullivan, afterwards was at stony Point and assisted in repairing the fort there. He enlisted in May 1780, served as private in Captain Henry Pawling's company, Colonel Albert Pawling's regiment until the last of December, during which he was engaged in the vicinity of "Big Shandakin" and along the "Blue Mountains" to

Woodstock; he enlisted in May 1781 and served eight months as private under the same officers. Joseph Tar Bush (Tarbush) enlisted in May 1782, served as private in the New York troops under Colonel Frederick Weisenfels and was discharged in December of that year.

This soldier returned after service to live in Pine Plains, New York, where his mother was living; he continued to reside there and in Ancram, Columbia County, (a distance of about five miles), New York. It was stated that he was called "Jo Bush".

He was allowed pension on account of his service in the Revolutionary War on his application executed July 19, 1832, at which time he resided in Pine Plains, Dutchess County, New York. His name was borne on the pension roll, Joseph Tar Bush. He died January 17, 1842, in Gallatin, Columbia County, New York.

This soldier married in Gallatin, Columbia County, New York, Christiana Webs; the date of her birth and names of her parents were not given, nor the exact day of their marriage. As proof of the date of her marriage in establishing her right to pension as the widow of this soldier, she submitted a copy from the records of the Dutch Reformed Church of Greenbush, New York, showing the birth of her first child, and stated that he was born about one year after her marriage; this record shows—

Jacob, born January 6, 1785, son of "Joseph Tarbush and Christiana Webs" — "Peter Hooghdiel & Maretsi Mullers witnesses.

Christiana, this soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed March 4, 1843, at which time she was aged seventy-four years; she resided then in Gallatin, New York. She was living there in 1848, also.

In 1843, this son, Jacob, referred to above was living; Mary Ann, the second child, was baptized in the same church in which Jacob was baptized, but the date was not given. No reference was made to any other children of this soldier.