

Pension Application for John C. Barnes

W.10,385 (Widow: Abigail)

Connecticut, New York

Abigail was awarded a pension of \$24.43 per annum

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this 28th day of September 1833 personally appeared before me a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County John C. Barnes of Ira in said County age 72 years last October, 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the town of Killingsly in the County of Windham & State of Connecticut in the year 1761 as appears by a record of his age. Which he has now at home, and continued to reside there until the commencement of the Revolutionary War, and until the fall of the year 1778 when he removed to the town of Granville in the County of Washington in the State of New York.

That about the 20th of February 1777 he entered the Service of the United States as a substitute for one Eleazer Furman who was drafted to serve a term of two months in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Butts Lieut. Robbins & had no Ensign in the Regiment commanded by Major Ripley (1) & had no Colonel—that he marched first to Providence in the State of Rhode Island where said Regiment remained two days and marched from thence to Bristol where he was stationed as a guard upon the shores for a term of two months when he was discharged & returned home—that after remaining at home about two weeks he again entered said service as a substitute for a man residing about ten miles from his residence, but whose name he does not now remember for a term of two months in the company of Militia commanded by Capt. Green, (2) Lieut. Daniel Waters in a militia Regiment, but the name of said Col & other Regiment officers he does not remember—that he joined said Regiment and marched to fort Groton, where said company of Captain Green was detached and marched to Groton Point where he was stationed as a guard a term of two months when he was dismissed and returned home—that the man for whom he served as a substitute had been drafted for two months & then hired him the said John C. Barnes to serve in his stead—that there was no other company then Captain Green's Stationed on Groton Point, and had no field officers—that the other part of the Regiment was stationed at the fort and were engaged in building said fort & repairing it.—

That in the fall of 1778 he removed as aforesaid to Granville in the County of Washington. That in the fore part of June 1779 he was called into said service in case of alarm in the company of militia commanded by Capt. Childs, (3) Lieut. Ichabod Parker & Ensign Benjamin Baker, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Martin (4) as he believes, that he marched to Skenesborough, and was in service three days—that a few days after he was again called out in case of alarms in the same company and marched again to Skenesborough where he was stationed and continued to serve four days—that about the first of August following he again entered said service in case of alarm in the same company and marched to the same place and was in the service two days—that about the first of November following he again entered said service in case of alarm in the same company & Regiment and marched to the same place where he continued to serve two weeks—that about the first of December following he was again called into said service in case of alarm in the same company, and marched to the same place where he continued to serve twelve days as he believes that there was a

garrison kept at the stone house at Skenesborough under the command at the time of Capt. Levi Stockwell; (5) that alarms were frequent, and when given the militia of the neighbourhood would be all called out and would repair to Skenesborough and remain until the cause of alarm had subsided—

He further says that in the month of April 1780 he was drafted and entered said service for two weeks, and marched to Skenesborough where he was stationed as a guard under the command of Sargeant Allen (6) during said term of two weeks—that the stone house (7) at Skenesborough had been burned the winter previous & no garrison was kept there at this time & that he had no other officer at the time of the last mentioned service but Sargeant Allen aforesaid—he further says that in the month of June following he was again called out on a scouting party under the command of Sargeant Josiah Farnsworth, (8) that said party went first from Granville to Hebron, from thence to fort Edward, from thence some miles towards Lake George from thence to fort Ann, from thence to Skenesborough & from thence home, and continued in service four days—that in the latter part of October following he was again drafted and entered said service in the company of militia commanded by Capt. Blakeley (9) and Sargeant Josiah Farnsworth & Ebenezer Farnsworth and marched to Skenesborough where he was stationed as a guard two weeks—that in the latter part of the month of March 1781, he was again drafted and entered said service in same company & marched to South bay on Lake Champlain, to watch the scouting of a hostile boat, that at the approach of said company the boat was abandoned and was taken possession by said company, and after about ten days was taken up to the head of the lake and there abandoned and from thence said company returned home having been in service ten days—

That in the month of October following he was again called out in case of alarm in the company of Militia commanded by Capt. Blakeley & Lieut. Walker; (10) and marched with said company to Skenesborough, and there joined on a scout to Lake George, thence to Skenesborough under the Command of Gen. Eno. (11) From Skenesborough he marched with said company under the command of Gen. Eno to Fort Ann, from thence through Westfield and from thence from having been in service two weeks—that in the month of November following he was again called out in a Scouting party under the command of sergeant Josiah Farnsworth, that he went first through Westfield to Fort Ann from thence to Skenesborough & from thence home having been in service at this time three days—

That in the month of October 1782 he was again called out in a scouting party under the Command of Capt. Blakeley & Lieut. Walker—That he marched first to Skenesborough from thence he scouted through to Rutland in Vermont, from thence back to Skenesborough and from thence home having been in service six days. That he never received a written discharge from said service and has no documentary proof thereof—that he has not the testimony of any living witness but John Grover & cannot procure it—that he never served with any Continental regiment or under any Continental officer—that when at Bristol there was a Continental Regiment stationed at that place but he has forgotten the names of the officers—that he resided in Granville aforesaid until that nine years ago when he removed to the County of Cayuga aforesaid where he has resided ever since. That Jeremy F. Tallman of the aforesaid is a Clergyman and Luther Barnes is a resident of the same town—that they are both well acquainted with him and can testify as to his character for truth and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution—that his whole time of service as above set forth amounts to seven months & ten days as a private soldier and for such service he claims a pension.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the state or territory. (Signed) John C. Barnes

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Augustus F. Ferris one of the Judges of Cayuga County Courts.

State of Michigan

County of Calhoun SS.

On this 14th day of June AD 1859 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the county and State aforesaid Abigail Barnes a resident of Marshall in the County of Calhoun aged Eighty seven years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the acts of Congress granting renewal of half pay to certain widows and orphans, that she is the widow of John C. Barnes who was a private in the company of Connecticut Militia commanded by (see pension paper) in the regiment commanded by (See Pages) in the Revolutionary war, That he was before his decease pensioned in Cayuga County in the State of New York. That she is the identical Abigail Barnes who received the arrears of said pension from the agent for paying pensions in the County of Cayuga in the state of New York. That the former pension certificate has been lost or destroyed. She further declares that she is still a widow.

She further declares that she was married to the said John C. Barnes on the 17th Day of December A.D. 1821 and her said husband the aforesaid John C. Barnes died on the 12th day of July A.D. 1842 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will now fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She hereby constitutes and appoints P.M. Henry of Washington D.C. her true and lawful Attorney, hereby authorizing him to prosecute this her claim for a renewal of pension and to receive the certificate to be issued thereon. (Signed with her mark) Abigail Barnes

Dated this 14th day of June 1859. Witness [?] Walter Martin

End Notes—W.10385—John C. Barnes

1. Captain Butts, Lieutenant Robbins and Major Ripley appear to be Connecticut Militia officers.
2. Captain Green and Lieutenant Daniel Waters also appear to be Connecticut Militia officers.
3. Captain Silas Childs of Colonel Alexander Webster's First Regiment of Charlotte County Militia. The other officers of the company are Ichabod Parker as the first lieutenant, Asaph Cook as the second lieutenant and Benjamin Baker, Jr., as the ensign.
4. There was a John Martin that served as the second lieutenant in Captain John Armstrong's Company in Colonel Webster's Regiment. A Colonel Martin did not serve in this regiment.
5. Levi Stockwell raised men to garrison Skenesborough in early 1779 from Webster's regiment. In April of 1779 he was captain in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Henry K. VanRensselaer's Regiment of New York State Levies. On May 11, 1780, Levi was appointed Captain in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant John Harpers Regiment of New York State Levies. On April 12, 1782, Levi was appointed captain in Colonel Webster's Regiment.
6. Sergeant Henry Allen in Captain Edward Long's Company in Colonel Webster's Regiment.
7. Skenesborough which is present day Whitehall, Washington County was destroyed on March 21, 1780.

8. Josiah Farnsworth or Fansworth, is listed as a private in captain Child's Company. Ebenezer Farnsworth served as sergeant, Joseph Farnsworth as a corporal and a Solomon Farnsworth as a private all of which were in Childs' Company.
9. Daniel Blakely was commissioned a captain in Colonel Webster's Regiment on July 24, 1782.
10. A Lieutenant Walker could not be found serving in Colonel Webster's Regiment.
11. Brigadier General Roger Enos of the Vermont Militia.