

Pension Application for Moses Bartlett

S.28630

State of New York

County of Washington SS.

Moses Bartlett the applicant in the annexed declaration & proceedings name being duly sworn deposeth & saith that Elder Obed Warren (the clergyman who formerly lived in the neighborhood of this deponent & with whom deponent became acquainted about thirty six years ago); moved to the West about ten years since; and as deponent is informed a verily believes, died about six years since.

And deponent further saith that since the said Elder Obed Warren left the town of Salem there has been no clergyman steadily residing in the immediate vicinity of this deponent who is well acquainted with him. (Signed) Moses Bartlett

Sworn in open court December 12, 1832. John Willard Surrogate.

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On this twenty ninth day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Washington and State of New York aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order in order [sic] to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in the town of Ware in the County of Hampshire in the state of Massachusetts in the year 1758, but has no reason of his age--: when the Revolutionary war commenced he lived in the town of Pittsfield in the County of Berkshire in the same State & that town continued to be his place of residence during the war, after which he lived in Lanesborough in the same county until 1792; after that time he lived in the town fob Chittenden in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont until the month of March in the year 1794, & since then has lived and now does live in the town of Salem in the County of Washington & State of New York.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He volunteered in the service in the year 1775 in the latter part of April or first of May under Captain James Nobles of Pittsfield in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Easton; he marched in said company to Skeensborough through Laneborough, Williamstown, Pownal, Bennington, Shaftesbury & other places. Staid at Skeensborough ten or twelve days and then went to Ticonderoga & from there to Crown point. Soon after he arrived at Crown point the company he was in together with other volunteer companies were organized into a Regiment under Colonel James Easton aforesaid. Lay at Crown Point until some time in the summer; then ordered back to Ticonderoga, after General Montgomery had gone to Quebeck:-- remained there a few days and then marched down the Lake to St. Johns he understood that the reason of returning to Ticonderoga, was to bring the several companies of the Regiment together to prepare for the march to St. Johns—remained at St. Johns five or six weeks and a

few days before the enemy gave up the Fort, marched to Fort Chamblee & from there continued the march down the river Sorelle to the St. Lawrence: on the way met a body of british [Brittish] commanded by Colonel McLean (as he thinks) had a skirmish with; them after which they retreated to their vessels which lay in the St. Lawrence, at the mouth of the Sorelle, the Americans constructed a battery near where the british vessels lay and answered their morning guns by opening the battery upon them. Soon after which they moved down the river towards Quebeck:--a few days after this some of the enemies vessel (eleven sail he thinks) were seen coming down the river & the wind failing they droped [dropped] anchor and the Americans constructed batteries near & continued to harras [harass] them until they surrendered between the village of Sorelle & Montreal; after this he went ot St. Johns and from there to Montreal, where his time having expired in Captain Nobles Company, he was dismissed on or about the first of December 1775.

And immediately enlisted for six months in the company commanded by Captain Ely Root of Pittsfied: does nor recollect their being any particular Colonel commanding the troops there, but General Wooster was there all the winter and they were under his command; this applicant & the company to which he belonged together with companies under Captains Painter form New England, Tilliman from Albany & others remained in Montreal all winter to guard the place; that he continued to serve in said Roots company until some time in May 1776 cannot say exactly what time but it was after the retreat from Quebeck when he was discharged and was taken sick at Montreal, and was not able to arrive at his home in Pittsfield until some time in June (about the first he thinks).

In the year 1776 there were frequent alarms and this applicant was out several times as volunteer.

The first time he thinks was soon after his return from Montreal (it was haying time) when he volunteered under Captain Strong and he thinks was considered a substitute for a Mr. Benjamin Keeler: that he marched in said company from Pittsfield to Skeansborough [sic] and continued to serve in it three weeks and was then dismissed.

That on or about the month of August 1776 he volunteered as a substitute for a man whose name he thinks was William Beard, in the company commanded by Captain Rathbone of Lenox in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jonathan Smith of Lanesborough: that he marched in said Company directly to New York City; was in the city when the british ves[vessel] Phoenix & Rose were returning form a trip to the North River- was in the battery where the top sail of one of them was shot away; and when this applicant lay in said company near Hellgate, his place was taken by the man for whom he was a substitute this applicant having been with the army three weeks.

In the fall of the year 1776 he volunteered in the company commanded by Captain Strong on an alarm & marched in said company from Pittsfield to Bennington & continued to serve in said company, two weeks and was then dismissed.

On or about the first of July 1777 he volunteered on an alarm in the company commanded by Captain Strong in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ashley of Sheffield: that he marched in said company to Bennington: from thence to the North river at Saratoga: thence to Fort Edward & from thence to Fort George—(was at Fort

George when the Fort was evacuated and burned), from thence to the place now called Sandy hill, thence to Queensbury—remained there ten or twelve days & was in the battle fought at that place in which the Americans were commanded by General Nixon—retreated from Queensbury to Fort Edward in the night after the battle from thence continued the retreat to Stillwater & was there dismissed & from there went home to Pittsfield where he arrived on or about the 13th of August 1777—he recollects the day he got home from the fact that it was the Wednesday before the battle at Bennington.

On or about the month of September 1777, he volunteered in the company commanded by Captain Guthridge (who was himself a volunteer) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ashley—that he marched in said company from Pittsfield to Stillwater, (by way of Bennington)—remained there a few days, & marched from thence to Tulls Mills on the Hoosick river & was there dismissed & from thence returned home, having been engaged in the service as much as three weeks.

In the fall of the year 1778, he was out in the company commanded by Captain Barber in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ashley as a substitute for Ely Root junior, & marched in said company from Pittsfield to Pownal: that he continued to serve in said company as much as one week and was then dismissed.

In the month of November in the year 1779, he enlisted in the artillery in the company commanded by Captain Rufus Allen of Pittsfield in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jackson or Ashley (is not certain which): that he was called out in said company on an alarm & marched from Pittsfield to Bennington and from thence returned to Pittsfield, and was there dismissed having served in said company on said alarm, as much as two weeks.

In the fall of the year 1780 he was again called out in the said company by the said Captain Rufus Allen in the Regiment last aforesaid: & marched in said company from Pittsfield over into York State on an alarm; and continued to serve in said company one week & was then dismissed.

This applicant says that while he was at St. Johns in the year 1775, he lay near a Regiment, called the York Regiment, commanded by Colonel Victor (he thinks) & that the adjutant was Tilliman, of Albany--: that while he was at Stillwater, under Captain Strong the year 1777, he knew Colonel Wigglesworth was there, with his Regiment & general Glover with his Brigade, and he thinks they were at Fort Edward also, General Glover & Colonel Wigglesworth were also at Stillwater when he was there under Captain Guthridge in 1772.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services and that he never received any discharge.

That he is known to Joshua Steele of the town of Salem in the County of Washington & State of New York and John T. Law of the same town who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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.
(Signed) Moses Bartlett

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh Clk