

Pension Application for Benjamin Barton

W.15567 (Widow: Mehitabel) Methitabel Fry and Benjamin Barton married Dec 9, 1779. Benjamin died July 9, 1834.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. State of New Hampshire
Sullivan County SS.

On this first day of August 1832 at Claremont in said County personally appeared before the Judge of the Court of Probate for said County in open Court Benjamin Barton Esqr a Resident of Craydon in the County of Sullivan and state of New Hampshire aged 74 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 first entered the service as a volunteer and served under the officers herein after mentioned and as herein after stated.

That he lived in Royalston Worcester County, State of Massachusetts when he first entered the service. He entered under Captain Benjamin Gates, then of Barne, same County & State, about the middle of July 1776. Said Company was attached to Col. Jon Holman's Regiment, who belonged to same County & State for the term of five months.

The company was first marched from Barne went through Hartford Con't. To New Haven Con't. He enlisted under Captain Benjamin Gates, then of Barne, same County & State about the middle of July 1776. Said Company was attached to Col. Jona Holman's Regiment, who then belonged to Sullivan, same County & State for the term of five months. The company was first marched from Barne went through Hartford Cont [Connecticut] to New Haven Cont—there took [?] passed through the [?] to the City of New York. The company reached New York he recollects before the end of the month of July.

He further states that his company remained in & near New York until the 15th Sept 1776 when the British compelled them to abandon the City. After that he was marched up the North River and was near White Plains at the time of the battle at that place—He continued to serve on the river Hudson faithfully to the end of his term of enlistment and was dismissed below West Point at a place called he thinks, Grandton's Manor.

He further says that he went as a volunteer about the last of July 1777 from Royalton and engaged under Captain Pete Woodbury of Royalston, Lieut Sterns was his Lieut. He served in this company under Genl Lincoln of Barton and was at Bennington & Half Moon then called, and was employed on this expedition and actually rendered under this engagement six weeks faithful service. He was dismissed at Bennington.

He further states that he was employed under the same Captain Woodbury in the month of July or Augt of 1778 two weeks as a guard to the British Prisoners who were kept at Old Rutland in Mass.

He further states that in the latter part of July 1780 he again entered the service under a contract for three months—He enlisted under Captain Stearns, he thinks, who

then lived at Peterham—he was marched to the North River and soon after his arrival at West Point he was detached under Lieut. Hill from Massachusetts to collect fuel for the use of the troops and his services were performed in that [?] during the main part of the last term aforesaid.

He has no documentary evidence of his services as aforesaid. He has been able to procure the depositions of Bezollet Barton William Clement—Lot Woodbury and Jesse Woodbury to substitute a part of the services aforesaid.

He knows of no other persons now living by whom he can procure any additions facts.

He was born in Mass'ts in 1758. He has no record of his age, except what he made himself many years since. He supposes that there is a record of his age in Sullivan afrsa'd

He was living in Royalston when he went into the service & that was his home as long as he was in the service.

He has resided in Craydon principally since 1781—and now lives there.

He entered as volunteer when he joined the service.

He can not now state the names of any more officers than he has before named.

He never received any written discharge.

He is acquainted with Thomas Whipple of Chestertown formerly of Craydon aforesaid and also with Jacob Haven a Clergyman of said Craydon who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief in 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) Benj'm Barton

Sworn to and the day and year aforesaid. {Probably means Sworn to ON the day and year aforesaid. Frederick A. Sumner Judge of Probate.