

**Pension Application for Timothy Backus**

S.38513

State of Vermont

I Timothy Backus of Castleton in the County of Rutland & State of Vermont in the sixty seventh year of my age depose declare & say that I enlisted as a Sergeant [Sergeant] in the service of my Country against the common enemy [enemy] in a Company commanded by Capt. Samuel Bartlet in the Ret. Commanded by Col. James Wilson Massachusetts line form Novr 1777 for the term of three years & served my country faithfully to the complete termination of my enlistment & rece'd an honorable discharge at West-point on the tenth of Jan AD 1780 which discharge has been lost for many years not thinking it of any use.

I further says that on Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1780 I again enlisted for the term of three years in Coll John Ashleys Class Berkshire County & joined the late Capt Bartlet's Company & served till Decr AD 1783 at which time I rec'd an honorable discharge which like the other is lost.

I was discharged from the second Reg. Massachusetts line as a Quartermaster Sergeant.

I further more depose & say that I am infirm & unable to do but very little labour & rendered to want & stand in pressing need of Assistance from my country for support.

(Signed) Timothy Backus

Dated at Poultney in the County & State as above this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1848.