

Pension Application for Joseph Badger

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Sate [State] of Ohio

Ashtabula County, Jefferson

On this 17th day of June 1818 before me the subscriber one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County and State aforesaid [aforesaid] personally appeared Joseph Badger, aged Sixty one years, resident in the County and State aforesaid, when being first duly sworn by me as the law directs; doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War."

That he the said Joseph Badger in or about the twentieth day of May 1775 at Cambridg [Cambridge] near Boston in the State of Massachusetts, enlisted as a private soldier in the company commanded by Capt Nathan Watkins of Colo. [blank] Patterson's Regiment of the Massachusetts Line, worked in erecting the Batteries on what was caled [called] plowed hills, under a heavy discharge of shot and shots from Bunkers hill, was in the skirmish at Litchmores Point.

That he the said Joseph on the first of January 1776 enlisted again at the clamp fort No. 3 near the Point above named, in the company commanded by Capt. Moses Ashley of the Regiment above named on [the] Continental establishment for one year; after the evacuation of Boston by the British, he was marched to New York, from thence into Canada—was with the detachment sent from Moreall to relieve Colo Buterfield and Major Sherburne with their men, who were taken by Capt Foster by his Indians who find & Fosters company—who fired upon us in our boats—Genl Arnold commanded our detachment, who after recovering the [?] was marched on to St. Johns, from thence to Chamblee, from thence back to St. Johns where the retreating army embarked in boats & returned to Ticonderoga & Mount Independence where the Regiment to which he the s'd Joseph belonged were employed in erecting the works on the Mount & doing other duty until the month of November when Colo [blank] Patterson's Regiment was ordered to the southward to join General Washington—

The said regiment above named, arrived at Bethlehem in Pennsylvania, some time in December, where six of the men were by reason of sickness, unable to proceed & he the said Joseph was detached by order of his Colonel to take care of them—where he continued employed in the hospital department until some time in April when he was discharged from that service by the officer who was stationed there to provide for the hospital whose name was Baldwin—The Surgeon's who attended on the Hospital at that time in Bethlehem where Dr Mr Henry Smith * two others whos [whose] names he does not remember—Dr. Shiping was there once in the course of the winter.

That he the said Joseph returning on his way home to Massachusetts to the Town then called Partridgefield where his father lived, arrived at New Milford in Connecticut two days before the British Burned Danbury. In that alarm, he the said Joseph volunteered under Leiut Hill, a recruiting officer then at that place, and pursued the enemy—overtook them in Ridgefield, & fought & skirmished with them from thence to

Compo hill when night came on, & a reinforcement from their ships covered their evacuation—

That he the said Joseph returned to New Milford & spent a few weeks with some friends there & then entered the service again in Capt Reuben Bostwic's company in the Regiment commanded by Colo Eno or Enos, he does not remember which & served at Peekskill & White Plains scouting & skirmishing with the enemy until the first of January 1778 when the time of enlistment expired, and he was discharged at a place called then horse neck near the line between the State of Connecticut & the State of New York—and that he the said Joseph Badger is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services his discharge having been lost many years since, and his officers all dead—

And the said Joseph hereby releases to the United States all claims to any pensions [pensions] heretofore granted by Congress.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year afore [afore] said. Neh. King, one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the county.