

Pension Application for Barnabas Bangs

W.24640 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married November 1, 1789, Barnabas died May 25, 1838. Elizabeth died November 27, 1849. They were Shakers during the later years of their lives. Because of this faith, they never applied for a pension.

Letter in folder dated May 11, 1923, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter received April 2, 1923, I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.24640 it appears that Barnabas Bangs enlisted in Gorham, Cumberland County, Maine April 19, 1775 and served as a Private twenty-four days in Captain Hart William's Company. He then enlisted in 1775 and was in service as a Private eight months in Captain Hart William's Company, Colonel Phinney's Regiment, Massachusetts Troops. On July 15, 1775 he enlisted and served as Matross five months and fifteen days in Captain Abner Lowell's Company. He died May 25, 1838 in Poland, Cumberland County, Maine aged eighty-three years.

Soldier married November 1, 1789 in Gorham, Maine, Elizabeth Cloutman of said Gorham. She died November 27, 1849 in Poland, Maine aged eighty-two years.

On October 7, 1851 at Portland, Cumberland County, Maine Zebulon K. Harmon, Administrator of the estate, applied for pension due, in behalf of Susanna Bangs only surviving child of soldier and his widow Elizabeth, which was allowed.

A daughter of soldier and her nine children are referred to, their names not stated. Barnabas Bangs, wife and daughter were Shakers.