

Pension Application for Jacob Barkman

S.23528

State of New York

Ontario CountySS.

On this twenty eighth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the County Court now setting Jacob Barkman a resident of the town of Gorham in the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy six 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1st In April 1776 he volunteered in the City of New York in the Company of Captain name not remembered in Colonel John Lasher's Regiment in Genl Scott's Brigade. In the same Brigade was Lieut. Col. Stockholm and Major Abeel was first mustered in the market in Broadway and was in New York on the 4th July 1776 on duty, and soon after was marched to Brooklyn, and while there was engaged in making Breastworks and other duty until the army retreated to New York, was in the Battle on Long Island—saw Lord Sterling and General Sullivan and knew them well—saw General Washington in conversation with Colo. Lasher—arrived in New York between 12 and 2 O'clock in the night, and there continued to do duty until the army retreated to Kingsbridge—this was on Sunday. I left New York by Powles Hook went to Fort Lee—then crossed to Fort Washington and there joined the Regiment at Kingsbridge; was marched to White Plains and Croton River, cut down trees & cut away Bridges to prevent the British to follow the army—was detached and sent over to Jersey on guard, in about 10 days after returned, when the Regiment went to Peekskill and was there discharged about the 1st day of December and then went to Catskill and lived with my unckl [Uncle] Peter Lawrence.

2nd In May 1777 I volunteered at Catskill under Lieut. Commandant Peter Ban Bargarner to go to Fort Miller and arrived there in 3 or 4 days after, to guard the Public Stores, and was on duty there two months and then discharged, I was Orderly Sargent.

3rd In the same year in July I volunteered in Capt. Debois Company Colo. VanderBarracks Regiment and was marched to Fort Edward & Fort George and was out three months—saw General Schuyler who was then in Command—was regularly discharged—during this time was in not battle But I saw General Burgoyne at Genl Gates' head quarters.

4th In the 'Spring of 1778 at Catskill volunteered to go Schoharie under Lieut Wm. Snyder as frontier guard for two months and served out that term.

5th In the fall of the same year went to Schoharie again under Lieut. Abeel and performed a similar duty for two months and served out that term. While there Colo. Butler with a Rifle Regiment came to the same place and ordered part of our company to join his troops to pursue the Indians.

6th In the fall of 1779 under Capt. VanSchaick volunteered for three months and was marched to Stone Arabia and Johnstown as frontier guard – there was no field officer there—served out this term, and was then discharged.

7th In June 1780 under Lieut Abeel I volunteered to go to "Potmuscossack" West of Catskill as frontier guard and served one month, and again in the fall of same year at the same place and under the same officer served another month. Besides this I have been called out on short tours of duty at various times in the vicinity of Catskill and always since 1775, served as a sergeant and was always returned as such. Has no documentary evidence knows of no person now living who served with him—has never had a pension and hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present was never on the pension roll of any state was born in the city of New York on the 25th day of December 1755. Has no record of his age. Has not lived in New York since the peace, but then lived in Cattskill and lived there until 1793 when he removed to Renssellaerville County of Albany and lived there until 1817 when he removed to Gorham where he now resides.

He knows Reverend Joseph Merrill and Levi Tracy. (Signed) Jacob Barkman.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Charles Crane, Clerk of the
Court of Common Pleas