

Pension Application for John Barnett or Barnet

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To the Honorable Enos Hopkins one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of the County of Dutchess which is a Court of Record for the State of New York.

The Declaration under oath of John Barnett formerly Chaplain engaged in the Service of the United States, during the Revolutionary War, and now a Citizen of the United States, and resident of the town of Northeast in the said County.

Respectfully Showeth, that the said John Barnett entered the Service in the State of New York at West Point on or about the first day of June 1782 as Chaplain to the Second Massachusetts Brigade of Infantry commanded by Brigadier General Patterson & that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the Service of the United States as Chaplain as aforesaid until the army was disbanded in November of 1783 when he was discharged from service on West Point aforesaid--& that he entered the Service as Chaplain with the approbation of Brigadier General Patterson & Immediately [Immediately] thereafter Received the written approbation of the Commander in Chief stating (in Substance) that he was duly approved as Chaplain to the said Brigade & ordering that he should be treated & respected accordingly which said writing has by some accident been since lost & that at the time of receiving the said writing form the Commander in Chief he was told by the other officers of the Brigade that it was a sufficient warrant & that he therefore never applied to the Secretary of War for any other warrant.

And this declarant further representeth that the said John Barnett is now a citizen of the United States, and residing in Northeast aforesaid, and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance form his country for support; and that he has no other evidence except his Declaratoins as herein set forth & the certificate of Doctor John Thomas hereunto annexed who was a Surgeon of one of the Regiments in General Pattersons Brigade.

Therefore he conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," approved, March 18, 1818, and requests that your Honor will examine into the truths of the matters aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in this case, and the proceedings had thereon to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law in such case provided. And in support of the facts above set forth, he refers to the Declarations aforesaid of himself and the certificate lost. John Thomas hereafter set forth. (Signed) Jno. Barnet.

Dated the sixth day of May 1818.

Sworn the sixth day of May 1818 before me, Enos Hopkins one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for Dutchess County.