

Pension Application for Job Barstow

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State of New York

County of Madison SS.

On this ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before James B. Eldridge William K. Fuller, Sylvanus Seber, Elisha Randall & Barock Burkwith Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Madison in the State of New York, now sitting Job Barstow, a resident of the town of Eaton in said county aged eighty years on the seventeenth day of March last past; 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

In the month of July or August in the year 1775, at the town of Lebanon (Connecticut) he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, he thinks as a drafted soldier for the term of eight months, in a company of militia commanded by Capt. Skinner, Lieut John Vaughn & Ensign Elias Bliss. He does not recollect the names of the Colonel of his regiment. We marched down to Boston with several companies of Militia & were stationed at Roxbury until we went to Dorchester Heights. He recollects that it was on a dark & rainy night that the troops marched from Roxbury to Dorchester. At this time the British had possession of Boston. We went to Dorchester that night with ox teams loaded with [?] & [palisades?]-We then dug an entrenchment & built a fort to forty the hill against the British shipping—we remained at Dorchester until the British evacuated Boston which was on the 17th day of March 1776—We then marched into Boston, led by General Washington, under a waving flag, upon what was written in capital letters “Death or Victory”, remained in Boston, until sometime in April & was then discharged. He does not recollect of having a written discharge. He served the full term of eight months & then returned home.

Soon after he returned home, there came orders to raise men to go to Rhode Island to guard the sea board. L He enlisted soon after he returned from Boston at the town of Lebanon aforesaid for two months in a company of Militia & went down to Rhode Island & staid there two months, but he cannot recollect the name of a single officer of this company—The name of the Colonel of the regiment was Spencer, frequently called Granna Spencer on account of his cowardice—He thinks that on account of the militia being called out this time was for the purpose of going on to the Island of Rhode Island. He moved to Spencertown in the State of New York & in the fall of the year 1776 at Spencertown aforesaid he was enlisted into the service of the United States for one year by Sergeant White & went from Spencertown with said Sergt. White & a number of soldiers, most of them strangers to him. We marched to Albany & up the Mohawk River to Herkimer & he thinks he then joined his company commanded by Capt. Harrison & the regiment commanded buy Col. Willet. At Herkimer we went into winter quarters & remained there during the winter. He there saw two soldiers shot for desertion & for stealing from Col. Willet.

The next season he served in all the forts on the Mohawk. He was at Fort Plains, German Flats, Cherry Valley. He recollects that an Indian chief by the name of Butler was shot by another Indian at Canada Creek & he saw his scalp when brot into camp. At the news of the taking of Burgoine, he recollects that an ox was roasted whole.

He things that he was discharged at Fort Plain on the Mohawk in the fall of the year 1777 soon after the capture of Burgoine, having served the term of his enlistment, one year. He does not recollect of having had nay written discharge & if he had he has lost it. He has no documentary evidence of his services & he knows of no person who can testify to any part of his services except a man by the name of Isaac Richardson, of Westmoreland, Oneida County, NY, who says he frequently saw applicant in Capt. Harrison’s company.

He was born in Old Lebanon Connecticut on the 17 day of March 1752. He has no record of his age. He was living at Lebanon & Spencertown as aforesaid when he was called into the service & since the Revolutionary War, he has lived at Spencertown aforesaid, Charlott's Bush & Cherry Valley in the State of New York & in Eaton Aforesaid, his present place of residence.

In the neighborhood in which he lives, he is well known to Micajah Cloyes, Eluna Martin, Thomas Anderson, Lenson Stilwell, Bennet Banell, Alfred Cornall & many others who can testify as to his character for truth & veracity & as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Job Barstow

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year first aforesaid. A. S. Sloan Clk.