

## Pension Application for Reuben Barto

S.44594

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this third day of June 1828 personally appeared in open court, the same being the Court of Common Pleas a Court of Record in and for the County of Delaware Reuben Barto resident in Sidney in said County aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the first May 1820—that he the said Reuben Barto enlisted for the term of nine months on the first day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six in the State of New York in the Company commanded by Captain Daniel Roe in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Clinton in the line of the State of New York what he continued to serve in the said Corps until the twelfth day of March 1777 when he was discharged from the service at Fort Montgomery by General James Clinton in the State of New York, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any other state except New York, unless it may be in Connecticut to his knowledge—that the reason of his not having made an earlier application for a pension is that by his industry he has been unable to gain a scanty support for himself and wife until the infirmities of age which render him unfit for labor, together with the illness of his wife have now induced him to make application for a pension—and in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of United States on the 18 March 1818 and that I have not since that time by a gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to so diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of the 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” passed on the 18 day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, Contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other, than what is contained in the following inventory (my necessary clothing and budding excepted)—

Real Estate—I have none—I live in a log house on a farm belonging to John Barto one of my sons—who permits me to occupy the house and a small garden attached to it—my necessities are such that he is obliged to render me still further assistance, although he has a family to support of his own—consisting of a wife and four children, and his farm contains only about thirty three acres.

Personal Estate—I have one cow, six sheep, one bed & bedding, one table and sic chairs, a small quantity of crockery ware no more than is necessary for the use of my family, a few culinary utensils consisting of a tea kettle, 1 dish kettle, one pot, one spider—I have one axe, one hoe, a set of knives & forks—and a family Bible and Hymn Book and a share in a circulating library.—

And I do further swear that I am by occupation a weaver and that I have now living two daughters and six sons all of whom are married except my youngest son & youngest daughter—none of my children are able to render me much assistance, all of them being poor, and some of them having large families—Three of my sons reside in the State of Connecticut—I am utterly unable to support myself and wife by my own exertions. (Signed) Reuben Barto

Sworn & declares on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1828. J. E. Burnhams Clk, Del. County

Letter in file dated June 12, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to a soldier with the surname Barto, of Cortland County, New York, or to any soldier with that surname from the State of New York.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War records of this office has been made and no claims for pension or bounty land found based upon service of any soldier with surname Barto in which it is shown that he served from Cortland County, New York, or at any time resided in that county. The record has

been found of a Reuben Barto, of Delaware County, New York, which may prove of interest to you in your research. That record follows as found in the papers of pension claim, S.44594, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War. If it is not the record of your ancestor, and you will so advise this office, another search of the records will be made in your behalf. In addition to the full name of the soldier in whom you are particularly interested, if you are able to obtain it, please furnish as much as possible of the following data which would help in identification of the record: approximate dates of birth and death, places of residence at enlistment and after service and given name of wife or widow.

The date and place of birth of Reuben Barto and names of his parents are not shown.

Reuben Barto enlisted March 1, 1776, in Suffolk County, New York, for the term of nine months, served as private in Captain Daniel Roe's company, Colonel James Clinton's New York regiment, and was discharged March 12, 1777, at Fort Montgomery.

Reuben Barto was allowed pension on his application executed June 3, 1828, at which time he was aged seventy-two years and a resident of Sidney, Delaware County, New York. He died December 1, 1838, place no shown.

In 1828, the soldier referred to his wife, whose name he did not designate. He stated that he had then living two daughters and six sons, all of whom were married and had families, with the exception of his youngest son and youngest daughter, both still single. Three of his sons were then residents of Connecticut. The only child whose name was designated by the soldier was his son, John Barto who then had a wife and four children (their names not stated), and on whose farm Reuben Barto and his wife were then living in Sidney, Delaware County, New York.

In 1821, in a transfer of Reuben Barto's property to his son, John Barto, one Polly Barto was a witness; her relationship to the family not shown.

In 1829, one Silas Barto, a resident of Greene, Chenango County, New York, testified that he enlisted in the Revolutionary War with the soldier, Reuben Barto, and served in the same regiment. In the same year, one Rueben Barto, Junior, was living in Walton, Delaware County, New York; their relationship to Reuben Barto, or to each other was not stated.