

Pension Application for David Berringer or Barringer

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832.

Form for State Troops, &c.

State of New York

County of Rensselaer & City of Troy SS.

On this fourth day of September personally appeared in open court before the Mayors Court of the City of Troy now sitting, David Barringer a resident of Sand Lake county of Rensselaer and State of New York, aged eighty one 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he was first sergeant under Capt. Geo. Sharp of Greenbush in now Rensselaer County who commanded a Company of Malitia during the Revolutionary War.

That he was called out upon an attack made by the enemy and Indians upon Schoharie and marched there about harvest time in the year (as he thinks) 1776 and remained in active service at that time about sixteen or eighteen days.

In 1777 he again marched under Capt. Sharp to Fort Edward to make roads and bridges sometime before harvest and continued in active service about a fortnight and then were dismissed.

After harvest of the same year he again marched with the company to which he belonged to Fort Edward Saratoga Fort Ann and continued in service until after the taking of Burgoyne.

That the division to which he belonged never was in any engagement except in Skirmish at Fort Ann where Col. Henry K. VanRensselaer was wounded.

That he was engaged in other services among the malitia of the State of N.Y.

So that the whole time would amount from six to eight months.

That the year after the above named service (1778) he volunteered among a Company of Rangers composed of Eight men commanded by Capt. Philip Harvey (who was the only officer) for the term of two years.

The duty of said Rangers was to scout the county in search of tories and Indians and protect the lives and property of the inhabitants.

The company consisted of Capt. Harvey, Peter Cooper, John Benson, John Kelley & Christopher VanDusen, all deceased and Nicholas Hogle residing in Greenbush and Philip Carver residing in Schenectady still living.

That he continued in said service among the Rangers in a region of country now included in the Counties of Albany, Rensselaer & Columbia, until the said term of two years expired.

1. Was born in Rhinebeck in now Dutchess Co.; N. York in the year 1750 the 21st Dec. and came to Greenbush in Rensselaer when a boy of ten years of age where he has resided ever since.
2. That he has no record of his age.
3. Was living in Greenbush in now Rensselaer Co. New York when called into service—has lived there ever since said war and now lives there in a part of said town now called Sand Lake.
4. Was drafted among the malitia and volunteered into the Rangers.
5. When he served as a malitia man he has seen and knew Genl Philip Schuyler, Col. & Henry K. Rensselaer & also Genl Abm. Tenbroock.
6. Never received a written discharge & has no documentary evidence.
7. Blank
8. That he never received any pay for any of the services he performed during said war.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) David Berringer

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Archibald Bull, Clerk