

Pension Application for Barce Chard

W.10602 (Widow: Catharine) Married October 28, 1819. Died August 6, 1842.

B.L.Wt.51881-160-55

State of New York

Jefferson County SS.

On this 8th day of September 1835 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid now sitting Barce Chard a resident of Rawdon Upper Canada aged 72 $\frac{3}{4}$ years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he 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 enlisted under Lieut Hubble the 1st of April 1780 or 1781 for three years in Capt. John Wright's Company, Col. Marinus Willett's Regt. I went to Albany was sworn and joined the company at Saratoga and was appointed Corporal and served as such and as Sergeant the full term of three years and was honorably discharged at Schenectady the 1st of April 1783 or 1784—it was at the final dissolution of the Regiment and there were none in said company discharged after that. That he served at Saratoga and in that vicinity the most of a year.

That Col. Willett was not with them at Saratoga. That Major McKinstry was the commanding [officer] that they the said company marched to Ballstown and then Col. Willett took the command — that he continued to serve in said Regt at the following places and in their neighbourhoods in the following order according to the best of his recollection. Ballstown, Johnstown, Fort Plains, German Flats, Fort Herkimer, Fort Stanwix, in the expedition against Oswego and at Schenectady when he was finally discharged or above stated. That while Capt. Wright's Company was stationed at Fort Harkimer. [Herkimer] I was sent on express to Fort Plain and on my return was taken prisoner by a party of Tory's commanded by a British Sergeant, as I believes was strictly searched, and taken into the woods several miles, and while the party were refreshing themselves, made my escape and arrived at fort Herkimer with two letters so nicely concealed in my coat lining that they were not discovered by them.

I was in no other engagements than skirmishes with small parties of Tory's & Indians. I served either as Corporal or Sergeant the whole of the three years. I am not able to recollect what length of time I served as Sergeant. I therefore claim as corporal under the War Department is in possession of the Roll of said company to which I refer for my services as Sergeant.

I was born in January 1764 in Norwalk Connecticut at the age of 12 removed with my Father to Ballstown New York—then lived during the Revolutionary War & twelve years thereafter—and have since then lived in Johnstown & Duanesburgh New York & from the latter place moved to Rawdon Upper Canada and have then resided ever since being about fifteen years.

My age is recorded in my Bible, which is at home after having served two drafts of about three months each. I enlisted as above stated.

I do not recollect any of the regular troops being with us.

I was regularly discharged in writing, the Capt. gave it to me. I do not recollect by whom it was signed. This discharge was consumed with my house and furniture when I lived at Johnstown.

I have no documentary evidence. I refer to the testimony of Samuel Hosford and Philip Carpenter whom I knew is service. I do not now know that I can procure any other testimony. I hereby relinquish ever claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

I refer to the names of John Wise, Daniel Hoffman, Allen Hubbell, Elijah Allen, James Hubbell & Jeremiah Covert, among the most respectable of my neighbours who would cheerfully testify in my behalf as to character & their belief of my having served in the Revolution. (Signed) Barce Chard

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. P. Burchard, Clerk.