

Norwich 11th March 1781

This may Certify that I bought of Mr. Ezekiel Fox a Negro man Named Backus on the 27th day of June 1777 and that I enlisted him into the Continental Service During the War, after I had Purchased him, and that by the name of Backus Fox and Further at the time I purchased said Backus I was, and am still an Inhabitant of the Town of Norwich.

Beriah Bill

I further Certify that said Backus Fox enlisted for a class* in the Town of Norwich.

Beriah Bill

* ENLISTED FOR A CLASS means that Backus was counted towards the town's quota, or required number of soldiers that they needed to provide for the army.