

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Barker R497

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State of Illinois Hambleton [sic, Hamilton] County: On this 27th day of November 1834 personally appeared in open Court before William Allen one of the County Commissioners of the County and State aforesaid Jacob Barker a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-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 7th 1832.

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

That in the year 1782, he was drafted for one month under the command of Major Lyles he then living in South Carolina Fairfield County and that he rendezvoused at Colonel John Winn's [in] Winnsboro South Carolina from there they marched to McCord's Ferry on Broad River & State of South Carolina and they laid there something more than one month after which they were dismissed by Major Lyles to return home having served including the time of marching to and from home a time of one month and some days. And that in the year 1782 he was again drafted for one month commanded by Major Lyles and that he rendezvoused at Winnsboro South Carolina from there they marched and that they were employed in ranging and scouting through the country in different directions after the Tories &c and that they were dismissed from this Tour by [word obliterated] on the Catawba River South Carolina a distance of sixty-five or seventy miles from home having served one month and six days.

And that in the same year 1782 he was again drafted under Captain Bishop and Major Lyles and that they rendezvoused at Winnsboro South Carolina and that they were employed in ranging and scouting after the Tories on Little River Broad River Catawba River and the Congarees, Colonel Winn having command of this tour and that they were dismissed on broad River South Carolina near a place called Shyries ferry [sic, Shirers Ferry], he then returned home having served one month and eight days -- and that in the year 1782 he was again drafted under Major Lyles and Colonel Winn and that they were stationed at Colonel Winn's South Carolina Fairfield County after remaining some time at Colonel Winn's they were employed in ranging and scouting through the country until their time was out he then returned home having served one month and nine days, and that again in the year 1782 he was again called out under Lieutenant Lyles, commanded by Colonel David Hopkins and that they joined General Green

[sic, Nathanael Greene] near the Congaree from there they marched to the Eutaw Springs where we had an engagement with the British which lasted something over three hours, the militia were commanded at this place by General Pickens and that after firing the third time the applicant was shot through the right leg being then compelled to retire they then were dismissed and returned home having served one month and fifteen days and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to establish his services he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not [on] the agency of any State whatever. Sworn to and subscribed this day and date above written.

S/ Jacob Barker, X his mark

[David Powell & John Douglass gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Where and in what year were you born

answer in the year 1754,

have you any record of your age

answer no.

Where were you living when called into service

South Carolina Fairfield County

how were you called into service

answer I was drafted

where have you lived since the revolutionary war

answer from South Carolina I moved to Livingston County State of Kentucky from there to

Hopkins County Kentucky from there to the State of Illinois Hambleton [sic] County where I

now live.

Sworn to the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jacob Barker, X his mark

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State of Illinois Hamilton County: Sct: September term of the Hamilton Circuit Court

On this the 22nd day of September the year 1841 at the Hamilton Circuit Court now in session, the same being a Court of record having a clerk & seal, in open Court, before the Honorable Walter B. Scates associate Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois and Presiding Judge of the Hamilton Circuit Court appeared Jacob Barker of Hamilton County in the State of Illinois aforesaid, about eighty years of age, 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 the 7th 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States under Major Lyles, about the age of 17 years, and served as herein after stated, when he so entered the service of the United States, he lived in Fairfield County in the State of South Carolina, and was drafted into the service, from Colonel Winn's Regiment of Fairfield County militia, and he belonged to the company of Captain Mobesly [sic, Mosley or Mobley?]; that when this declarant was so drafted, he was drafted for a month, but the exact year he does not now from his extreme old age & consequent debility of mind & body, but it was the same year the battle of Ninety Six was fought he is quite sure; he cannot recollect the number [of] men that composed the force under Lyles, but to the best of his recollection there could not be much over 60 or 70, if that; that when the force under Lyles aforesaid, was organized this declarant & the rest of Company marched from their place of rendezvous in Fairfield County to Ankins [sic, Ancrum's] Ferry on Broad River, in said County,

where they lay for a few days and then Lyles crossed Broad River, with part of the force, which set out under him to assist the Americans at Ninety Six; this declarant & several others having staid behind for the want of arms; & about staying behind at Ancrum's ferry as aforesaid, one of those who stayed behind took the smallpox; after this, declarant & some of the others having got arms crossed after Lyles & joined him; Lyles & his force were too late in coming up to be of any assistance to the Americans who were overpowered by the British; the next tour which this declarant took, after Lyles returned from Ninety Six to Fairfield County & his first tour had expired, was under Captain Hill as a volunteer, and lay part of the time at Lyles Ford on Broad River & whilst lying there he was wounded in his thigh by a shot fired from a rifle across the River, by which this declarant was disabled for further service for one month at least, but he cannot now recollect how long he was on this tour but he is certain that it was on the actual service against the British & Tories from the time his first tour expired until the time he was again drafted shortly before the battle of Eutaw Springs (excepting the time he lost when he was wounded as aforesaid); that shortly before the battle of Eutaw Springs he was again drafted into the service of the United States, and the Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Colonel David Hopkins & the same Major Manus Lyles [sic, Magnus Lyles?] was there major, and Captain Bishop was Captain of this declarant's Company. He was drafted this time for one month and during this time, the battle of Eutaw Springs was fought; that he marched from Fairfield County aforesaid to the place of rendezvous to join his Regiment & from that marched to join the Army under Generals Greene & Pickens; that he was in the battle of Eutaw Springs & under the command of David Hopkins Colonel of the Regiment as aforesaid; that during the fight this declarant saw General Pickens lying on the road leading to Charleston, he was lying on the ground, when this declarant came up to him & asked him if he was badly wounded; when the General replied "I am not exactly wounded, but I have been struck by a spint [sic, spent] ball, which struck me in the pit of the stomach & has hurt me badly, but I will be up soon again and among you" or some such words in substance; that this declarant was himself so badly wounded in the battle of Eutaw Springs, in the right leg, that he had to be bourn off the field of battle by one Isaac Waggoner, since dead and a man of the name of James Taylor helped to carry him home to his father's house but what has become of said Taylor this declarant cannot tell as he has not heard of him for many years & the last they heard of him was that he had gone from South Carolina to the State of Missouri; but where he lives or whether he is alive or dead this declarant cannot tell; that he has no evidence to prove the facts herein stated but his own oath, that he knows of, that this declarant was disabled from performing further service in consequence of his wounds received in the battle of Eutaw Springs for 9 weeks or thereabouts & when recovered set out again to join the American Army under Greene & Pickens; but before he could join the Army which was then at __ peace was proclaimed: that this declarant from his extreme age cannot recollect everything that happened during the time he served, nor dates when things happened, and he will is unable either to read or write or he should have tried sooner for a pension; that he employed a man of the name of Newman Jones 4 or 5 years ago to try and get a pension for him, but has never heard from said Newman more about it: that he to the best of his recollection served the United States for a period not less than 6 months altogether that he therefore relinquishes all Claim to pension or annuity -- except the present and his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State: that is declarant cannot state the exact year in which he was born having no record of his age, that he was in his 17th year in the battle of Ninety Six was fought; that he was born in Fairfield County South Carolina, lived there until 24 years after the battle of Eutaw Springs, then moved into Hopkins County Kentucky, where he lived about

[words obliterated] years & then moved into County of Hamilton in this state where he has lived ever since; that he is well known by William Gholson a clergyman & William Allen who is his neighbor who can state what day he knows & believes concerning this declarant's standing & character for veracity.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 22nd of September 1841
S/ Jeduthun P. Hardy, Clk
S/ Jacob Barker, X his mark
[William Golson [Gholson?] A clergyman and A. D. Grimes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Illinois Hamilton County: Sct: Before us, two Justices of the peace in and for said County and State personally appeared Jacob Barker of said County & State and personally also well known to us, as a person of credibility, who, being of lawful age (88 years old) and first duly sworn, according to law saith on his oath declare that he was drafted from the Militia of Fairfield County in the State of South Carolina in (say) 1780 at home, and taken to Winnsborough, the County seat, and joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Winn (Richard Winn his son called General of the forces) -- We went to Ancrum's ferry under Major Menus Liles -- continued there 2 or 3 weeks -- we went then to the aid of the Army at Ninety Six under Generals Greene and Sumpter -- then returned to Shirer's ferry across Broad River -- home again being out one month -- He states that he was carried off again under the command of Captain Brashears -- and served one month -- then returned home -- was called out again under Lieutenant Ephraim Lyles -- and under him served 2 tours -- one month each time was called out again under Captain David Mayberry -- was out one month through the Country. He states he went out the 6th time under Lieutenant West Daniel -- & was out about 35 days and was wounded at the battle of the Eutaw Springs by a musket ball, which cut off a piece of one of the bones of the right leg, and passed off through the fleshy part of the leg -- He states he was carried off the field, and for 5 weeks, could not mark the ground with his leg. He states it injured him ever since in his farming pursuits materially by lameness. General Greene was there [as] commander in chief and colonels David Hopkins and Pickens, was wounded in the battle) commanded the South Carolina Militia -- He states his reasons for not applying sooner was there was no pension for militia man until the 7th of June 1832 -- and a want of knowledge and a competent person prevented him ever since -- and further Deponent saith not.

Signed – witness

S/ John Braden, Jr.

S/ Jacob Barker, X his mark

Sworn, and subscribed before us Justices of the peace as above, on this the 16th day of October 1843

S/ Samuel Wilson, JP

S/ John Braden, JP

[Veteran's application was rejected because he failed to allege that he served the required six months of active service.]