

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Barker S37710

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State of Kentucky, Morgan County

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1834 personally appeared before me Joseph H. Hanna a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid George Barker a resident of the County of Morgan and State of Kentucky aged 76 years and 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein Stated. That he entered the Service on the \_\_\_ day of September 1776 (the day of the month not recollected) under the Command of Captain Gilbert Christy [Gilbert Christian], Major Evan Shelby & Colonel William Christy [sic, William Christian] as a Volunteer under a call of the County Colonel. We Rendezvoused on the \_\_\_ day of September 1776 at a place called the Long Island on Holston River in Washington County Virginia here we remained a few days we was then marched against the Cherokee Indian Towns on the Tennessee River we destroyed some corn & Indian Huts, after which we was marched back to the Long Island of Holston and was discharged on the \_\_\_ day of January 1777 – (the day of the month not recollected).

He again stood a Draft in Washington County Virginia and was Drafted. He rendezvoused at Washington Courthouse on the first day of April 1777 – under the command of Captain Arthur Campbell and was marched to the Long Island on Holston thence we was marched against the Cherokee and Chickamauga Towns on the Tennessee River we destroyed several Indian Towns after which we was marched back to the Long Island on Holston where we lay about 10 days we was then marched to Washington Courthouse and discharged between the 20<sup>th</sup> and last day of October 1777. William Campbell was our Colonel in my Tour under Captain A. Campbell.

He states that he removed to Wilkes County North Carolina in the month of March 1778.

He states that he again Entered the Service of the United States having been drafted we Rendezvoused on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1778 at Wilkesborough North Carolina under the command of Captain Robert Cleveland and Colonel Benjamin Cleveland we was stationed at Wilkesborough until the last day of January 1779 and was then discharged.

He states that he again volunteered & Rendezvoused between the 10<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1779 at Wilkesborough North Carolina under the command of Captain Thurman or Truman (he does not distinctly recollect the precise name) he does not recollect the Colonel's name William Lenoir was General we was stationed some time at Wilkesborough thence was marched to Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] where we had a battle with the British and Defeated them after the battle I was detached to guard the prisoners taken at King's Mountain I remained a guard about 20 or 25 miles and was then released as a guard and marched back to Wilkesborough North Carolina where I was stationed as a spy or Ranger under the command of Captain Thurman and Colonel Allen Austin the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1780 when I was discharged.

He states that he was born in a Rockbridge County State of Virginia in the year 1758 and that he

has no record of his age when he first entered the Service he resided in Washington County State of Virginia that in the year 1778 he moved to North Carolina & lived there until 1799 when he removed to Virginia & in 1809 he removed to Kentucky where he now lives. He states that the first Tour in the Service of the United States he volunteered the second & third Tour he was drafted in the fourth Tour volunteered he States that he does not recollect of receiving a written discharge but if he did he does not know what has become of the Same he States that he is known to Elias Johnson & James Hazelrigg who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution he states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can Testify to his Services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Barker, X his mark

County of Parke State of Indiana

On this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1836, before me the Subscriber, a Justice of the peace for said County of Park, personally appeared George barker who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Thurman in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland of Wilkes County North Carolina in the Service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Kentucky, from whence he has lately removed that he now resides in the State of Indiana where he intends to remain; and wishes his pension to be there payable in future the following are his reasons for Removing from Kentucky to Indiana, that he had and only Son in Indiana, and that he is so infirm as to require constant attention, and that wishes to die with his Son.

S/ George Barker, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 3 months in the Virginia and North Carolina militias.]