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Pension Application of Nathaniel Barker W5774

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[The following is identical to a declaration by Barker dated 11 Dec 1832 except that the interrogatories were not included in the earlier version.]

State of Virginia

Fairfax County to wit:

On this 27th day of March 1833, personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Justices of the Court of Fairfax County in the State aforesaid, being a Court of Record, Nathaniel Barker, a resident of said County, aged eighty three years and upwards, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1781 in the month of March as well as he recollects under the following named officers, and served as herein stated to wit: The first Tour of duty he performed was under Captain William Lane, whose Lieutenant was Henry Payne, and ensign was Thomas Millan, all of the County of Loudoun & State aforesaid, and marched to the lower country & joined the Army, and was stationed in and about Williamsburg and Richmond, at which latter place, he was discharged after having served three months. That he again entered in 1781 in the month of September as well as he remembers under the same Officers commanded by Col. George West, but he does not recollect the Regiment to which his company was attached in either Tour. The last Tour he served in and about York Town at the time of the Seige of that place [28 Sep – 19 Oct 1781], and continued to serve until the surrender of Cornwallis. He then served as one of the guard of the Prisoners, and attended them to Noland's Ferry in Loudoun County, Virginia, where he was discharged, after having served three months, making in the whole of his service fully six months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

Nathaniel hisXmark Barker

State of Virginia

County of Fairfax to wit:

On this 18 day of March 1833 before me the subscriber one of the Justices in and for the said County, personally appears Philip Loveless [pension application W12145], a resident of said County, aged about 73 years and being first duly sworn according to Law, deposes that he is well acquainted with the aforesaid Nathaniel Barker, who has sworn and subscribed the above declaration – that he believes him to be of the age which he has stated, and that he served with him the whole time set forth therein, and in one of the Tours in the same company; and that the statement he has made in his declaration of the particulars of his said service is substantially correct and true

Philip hisXmark Lovelace

The following Interrogatories were put by me as a Justice aforesaid viz:

- 1st. Where and in what year were you born? Answer In Charles County in the state of Maryland in 1750 or 51 as well as I can ascertain, which would make me now 83 years or 84 years old
- 2^d. Have you any record of your age and, if so, where is it? Answer – No.
- 3^d. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live? Answer I was living in ~~Fairfax~~ what was then Loudoun County when called into service. but since that time the line between Loudoun and Fairfax Counties has been changed, since which time I have lived and continue to live in Fairfax County, always residing at the same place I occupy at present
- 4^h. How were you called into Service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and

if a substitute for whom? Answer I was drafted on both tours, or what has been commonly called "called out"

- 5^h. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service. Answer I do not distinctly recollect any of the regular officers, nor do I recollect the number of any regiments or the general circumstances of our service except as set forth in the foregoing declaration
- 6^h. State the names of person to whom you are known in your neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution – Answer Daniel Kitchen, Philip Loveless, Doc'r. Richard Coleman, William Gunnell, Samuel Adams, John Follin, John W. Ashton, George Summers, Charles Ratcliffe and all others who have known me for any length of time

NOTE:

On 21 Aug 1838 Letitia Barker, 82, applied for a pension stating that she married Nathaniel Barker on 1 Nov 1771, and he died 13 July 1833. On 9 Jan 1839 she stated that in her 18th or 19th year she married Nathaniel Barker at Broad Run Old Church in Loudoun County and stated the following names and ages of their children as recorded by her husband: "first a Daughter Anna born on the 13th of August 1775, the second a son Joel born 20th November 1776, the third & fourth were sons, who died babes & they two were not registered by the said Nathaniel, the fifth was daughter Susanna born 2nd December 1781, the sixth a son John born 27 October 1783, the seventh a son Enoch born 11th November 1785, the eighth a Daughter Mary born 5th October 1787, the ninth a son William born 10 July 1789, the tenth a daughter Jemimah born 15 February 1791, the eleventh a daughter Penny born 1 of January 1793 & the twelfth a daughter Leady born the 3rd of September 1794." In other documents Letitia Barker is referred to as "Letitia Elzey."

R H Cockerille, the Justice of the Peace, added the following: "I hereby certify that I have known the aforesaid Letitia Barker for many years, that she now is very infirm in body but of sound mind & good memory, & that she has been always of good reputation and a respectable neighbour; I also know that she & her late husband Nathaniel Barker were communicants in the Baptist Church of Frying pan ever since I can remember visiting the said Church in my infancy."

John G. Hunter deposed as follows: "I hereby certify that I knew Nathaniel Barker & his wife Letitia of Fairfax County & State of Virginia for a number of years & have had considerable dealings with him, have often been at his House and remarked repeatedly the harmony in which they seemed to dwell together as man & wife, they were both (as I have always understood members of the Baptist Church. A more amiable man (in my estimation) than said Nathaniel Barker I have seldom or never met with, punctual in his dealings, sober, Industrious, honest, and of the strictest veracity. I have no doubt of their being legally married from their conduct, character and upright walk through life so far as has fallen under my knowledge."