

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Barker W8340

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State of Kentucky, Pulaski County, Sct.

On this 19 day of November 1832 personally appeared before the County Court holden for said County of Pulaski John Barker, a resident of Pulaski County, and State of Kentucky, aged about Seventy 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 provision, made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 or 1777 to the best of his recollection, and as to the day or month, he enlisted, he cannot now recollect, being at the time very young, and having lost his Discharge many years since, enlisted, as a regular soldier in Captain James Gray's Company, in the County of Sussex and State of Virginia, and in the 15th Regiment, of the Virginia state line on Continental Establishment for the Term of three years under the following named Officers, Colo. Mason of Sussex County Virginia [David Mason who resigned 1 July 1777], marching with the troops from Sussex County, the place of my residence and enlistment aforesaid to Williamsburg in said state, where the Troops to which he belonged rendezvoused, was stationed there a short time, from thence were marched to a small Town called and known by the name of Dumfries in the County of Carlote [sic: Prince William] in said State of Virginia, where the men or Troops of the before named Regiment, were Inoculated for the small pox, and continued and remained there, about one month, from thence the troops to which he belonged afores'd. marched to Baltimore, from thence took shipping sailed to Philadelphia, was there landed and was Immediately marched from thence to the state of New jersey there joined the main army under Gen'l. Washington at a place called Middle Brook [Middlebrook], where the army at that time lay, or was stationed, and at that place the Regiment to which he belonged, was attached to Gen'l. Woodfords [William Woodford's] Brigade remaining with same company (ie, Capt. James Grays) were marched various ways, was at the Erecting of the Fort or Garrison on the North River above new york, belonged to an attached party to aid in erecting or builing said Fort or Garrison, marched from thence to the State of South Carolina, through Philadelphia, at the latter place remained a short time, and the weather being very cold drew some clothing afterwards continued our march to Petersburg in the State of Virginia, and the Army was halted & continued at Petersburg a few days. while stationed there, my Term of Service or enlistment three years expired, this affiant states, he was at the storming & taking of Stoney Point fort [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779]. and was Discharged by the commanding Colo. belonging to the Regular Army whose name I cant at this time recollect but thinks it was not Colo. Mason. But received a written Discharge. and from thence returned Home to my residence in Sussex County in said state, receiving and taking with me my Discharge but lost the same as afores'd. – Afterwards served two short tours of duty as a militia man.

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 any agency in any state, Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court, the day and year aforesaid.

John hisXmark Barker

[Edmond Barker certified that John Barker served as stated, that he saw him return home dressed as a soldier, and that they had both lived in Pulaski County for the previous six or seven years.]

NOTE: On 30 Mar 1839 Lucy Barker, 80, applied for a pension stating that she married John Barker in Oct 1783, and he died 23 Apr 1835. Her application was supported by Sally Floyd, 54, oldest child of John and Lucy Barker. She referred to the following other children: Betsey, 52; Lucy, 50 if living; Thomas, who would be 48 if living; Edmund, 46 if living; and Irby, 44. The file includes the following:

"The Deposition of John Eppes of the County of Prince George, Virginia; taken the 23rd day of July 1839 to

be used as evidence in favour of the application of Mrs Lucy Barker, widow of John Barker deceased, for a pension under the act of the Congress of the United States passed the seventh day of July 1838.

The Deponent being seventy eight years of age, deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with John Barker, deceased formerly of Prince George County, Virginia, and with his present widow Lucy, whose name before marriage was Lucy Irby. The deponent perfectly well recollects going to the wedding in company with Thomas Barker who married a sister of this deponent and who was a full brother of John Barker deceased; he saw the marriage ceremony take place when the said John Barker was united in the bonds of holy wedlock with the said Lucy Irby. Deponent does not recollect the year this marriage took place but thinks that it was in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one, seventeen hundred and eighty two or eighty three. This deponent was not a revolutionary soldier having only served a short time in the militia therefore cannot say whether or not the said John Barker served as a revolutionary soldier and further deponent saith not. [signed] John Eppes"

Francis Eppes, 67, deposed that John Barker's older brother, Thomas Barker, had married one of his sisters, and a younger brother, Burwell Barker, had married another sister.