

Pension Application for Benjamin Barker

S.12049

Declaration, In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832.
State of New Hampshire,
County of Cheshire, SS.

On this sixth day of March personally appeared in open Court, before the Hon. Aaron Matson, Judge of the Court of Probate for said County of Cheshire, now sitting, Benjamin Barker a resident of Rindge in the county of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire aged eighty three 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.

1st that having occasion to go from the town of Andover in Massachusetts where he then resided to visit some of the men who were serving in the vicinity of Boston, he arrived there for the 16th June 1775 and being requested to, he took the gun and equipments of a soldier who was sick, and went as a volunteer as he thinks in Capt Varnums Company upon Bunker Hill, land was in the battle there on 17th, was wounded and carried to the hospital where he remained about four weeks, then returned home but was totally unable to labour for at least two months from the time he was wounded, and but very little during an other month.

2d That afterwards as he thinks about the first of December 1775. He inlisted [enlisted] in the company of Capt John abbot and marched to Cambridge and thence to Roxbury where he served at least two months and then was dismissed.

3d That about the first of September 1776—he again enlisted into said Abbots Company of which [blank] Malson was Lieutenant, in Col. Cogaswells Regiment, and marched to Fairfield in Connecticut and thence to the vicinity of White Plains and having served two months which was the time for which he enlisted, he again enlisted under the same officers and served two months more being stationed at Marneck, Rye and East Chester; was then dismissed and returned home.

4th—That in the fall of the year 1777, he went to the westward under Capt Johnson; arrived near Saratoga before the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne and afterwards assisted in guarding the prisoners to Cambridge and returned home after serving not less than one month. He further states that he knows of no other proof of these services except the affidavits of Benja Carlton & Ezra Abbott herewith transmitted.

Was born at Andover Mass in the year 1750. Has a record of his age in his Bible and supposes there is one at Andover—lived at Andover when called into the service, and since the war has lived at said Andover and Rindge N.H. and now resides at the last mentioned place. Enlisted voluntarily every time. Recollects no officers or Regiments except those before mentioned. Never received any written discharge—there is no Clergyman in Rindge except one recently settled but Joshua Converse Esquire and David Hale live near me in said Rindge and can testify as to their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution and to my character for veracity.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. (Signed) Benjamin Barker

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me, Aaron Matron, Judge of Probate.