

Pension Application for Isaac Bowen Barker

W.20662 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married November 29, 1792. Isaac died April 22, 1845.
State of Massachusetts
County of Plymouth SS.

On this twenty second day of August AD 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Hon Welker Wood Judge of the Court or Probate, at Hanover it being a Court of Record how [sic-now] sitting Isaac Bower Barker a resident of the town of Hanson in the County of Plymouth & State of Massachusetts, aged seventy eight years, in Oct. last, 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 officer & served as herein stated.

That in the spring of the year seventeen hundred & seventy five, soon after Lexington ;fight, he voluntarily enlisted to serve eight months, in the army then collecting near Boston—his time of service was to expire the last day of December of the same year –he enlisted to serve in a company under the command of Capt Captain Chamberlains subaltern officers—he equipped himself & marched with said company under the command of Capt. Chamberlain into Roxbury near Boston. Capt. Chamberlain’s company was there put into a regiment under the command of Colonel John Bailey, said company & regiment was stationed at Roxbury. During that campaign he served as s soldier in said company until the last day of December of that year.

Said deponent further declares, That he enlisted as a soldier in the Army of the United States, into a company of Artillery commanded by Ebenezer Stevens at Roxbury on the first day of January seventeen hundred & Seventy six. Capt Stevens had four subaltern officers, Lieut Rawson, Cook, Simmonds & Samuel Doggett.

That he understood at the time, that the artillery companies then stationed near Boston were all under the command of Major Crane. It was said they belonged to Major Crane’s corps of Artillery. Our company was stationed at Roxbury near Boston until the British troops left Boston. Soon after the British troops left Boston, Capt. Stevens & Capt. Bigelow, who commanded another Artillery Company, marched their companies together into Canada,—they remained in Canada several weeks, then retreated to Ticondaroga [Ticonderoga]—that he was dismissed from Ticondaroga [Ticonderoga], with several others about the middle of November on account of sickness he arrived at his father’s family about the first of December in the same year in a very sickly & feeble condition.

He applied for a pension under the law of the 18th of March 1818, received a pension certificate signed by J.C. Calhoun then secretary of war.

He was authorized by this certificate to receive eight dollars per month from the 3d day of April 1818 to the fourth of March 1820, at the Massachusetts agency in Boston & not there after unless a schedule of property was exhibited. He has made no application for a pension from that time to the present & he declares that his name is not, to his knowledge, on the pension roll of any agency in any State, or ever has been, except as above described, & that was only on that agency in the State of Massachusetts.

Said deponent further declares, that in the spring of the year seventeen hundred & seventy seven he took Abel Turners place in a company then stationed on the [Gurnet?] at the entrance of Plymouth harbor under the command of Capt. Andrew Sampson. He understand that the company was enlisted to serve until the last day of December of the same year. He served in said company until the companies enlistment expired, when they were all dismissed. Soon after he took said Turners place he (Turner) went [on] a voyage to sea & has not since returned, he cannot recollect the particular time he entered Capt. Sampson's Company on the Gurnet, but from the best of his recollection & belief he served in said informed that he was born in the town of Pembroke in the County of Plymouth & State of Massachusetts on the 23d day of Oct., seventeen hundred & fifty three—has no record of his age—he was an inhabitant of the town of Pembroke when he entered the service of his country & at the time of his several enlistments—he has made the town of Hanover, in said 'County of Plymouth his home for a few years.

In the year 1786 he bought a small farm in the town of Pembroke (his native town) which he has made a home for himself & family to the present day. The town of Pembroke having been divided, his habitation is now situation in the southerly part of the town of Hanover, as above described. He voluntarily entered the service of his country—has no recollection of receiving any individual discharge—have received no bounty nor any pay except what was given him by government—he recollects that one of the party who was dismissed from Capt Ebenezer Stevens company at the same time that he was showed him a paper & said it contained a discharge for each of the party that was then dismissed he does not recollect that he read the paper therefore cannot upon is oath say that it was such a thing as represented—he was an inhabitant of the town of Pembroke aforesaid in the County of Plymouth & state of Massachusetts when he applied for a pension under the law of the 18th of March 1818—that town having since been divided, his habitation is now situated in the town of Hanson in the County & State aforesaid. (Signed) Isaac Bowen Baker

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Attest Jacob H. Loud Register.