

Pension Application for Jesse Barker

S.29612

State of Main.

County of Oxford SS.

On this 17th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Probate now sitting, Jesse Barker a resident of Newry in the county of Oxford and state of Maine, aged 70 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

As a private at Methuen in the County of Essex and State of Massachusetts in month of January AD 1779 enlisted into a company of Volunteer Militia of said State commanded by Captain Nathaniel Gage the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jacob Gerish. Marched to Winter Hill in said state and was set as a guard over General Burgoine's Army. He enlisted for the term of three months and at the expiration of his enlistment in the month of April was discharged. July A.D. 1778 at Methuen in the County and State aforesaid for the term of nine months enlisted as a volunteer in a company of State Militia of Massachusetts commanded by Captain James Melvin the Regiment commanded by Collonel [Colonal] Wardsworth and was annexed to General Telcomb's Brigade.

Marched to Rhode Island. The army was commanded by General Sullivan. In August came a severe storm—General Sullivan had an engagement with the British but was obliged to retreat. He continued with the American Army until September when he was discharged AD 1779 in the month of September at said Methuen enlisted as a volunteer into a company of Militia of said State commanded by Captain Stephen Webster the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jacob Garish—rendezvoused at Great Barrington in the State of New York. Then marched to Claverick [Claverack] in said state—and continued there a short time marched to Greenbush—thence down the River to a place which had an Indian name, which place I do not recollect, and was there discharged in the month of December A.D 1780 at said Methuen in the month of June for three months as a volunteer enlisted into a company of Militia of said State commanded by Captain John Abbott the regiment commanded by Colonel [Vose?]

Marched to Great Barrington—and after remaining there a short time—was drafted and put under the command of Captain Chapman—and worked on Fort Miller so called, continued there until the close of September or the first of October and was then discharged. During his being there General Arnold deserted to the British. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of but one person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service and his affidavit is hereunto annexed.

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.
(Signed) Jesse Barker

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Stephen Emery, Judge.

