

Pension Application for John Barker

W.25189 (Widow: Margaret) Married December 7, 1788 by Reverend Mr. Schuneman of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church of Catskill. Her maiden name was Margaret Smith. John Barker was born Dec 11th 1764, Margaret Smith was born Feb 23 1772. John died at Cairo, Green County, December 19, 1835. Margaret died May 31, 1844.

Elizabeth Barker born Nov. 27, 1789, married August 29, 1810.

Elanor Barker born Feb 17, 1792, married March 4th 1807.

John Barker born May 24, 1794.

Caturah Barker Born Sept. 24, 1796.

Wm. Barker born Jan 21st 179[?]

James Barker born Feb 24, 1804.

Nancy Barker born Feb. 17, 1806.

George Barker born Sept. 17, 1808. Married June 12, 1831.

Sally Barker born May 28th 1810.

Margaret Barker born Jan 13, 18183.

Charles G. Barkder born March 13, [?]

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State of New York

Greene County SS.

On this thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five personally appeared in open court before the Honorable James VanDerPool Esquire Circuit Judge in & for the third circuit of the State of New York & now holding said circuit court in and for Greene County, John Barker a resident of the town of Cairo in the County of Greene aforesaid & state of New York aged seventy one 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 as near as he can recollect in the month of March in the year one thousand seven hundred & Eighty two under Captain Silas Gray, Lieutenant Storm Becker & Ensign Peter Loup at a place then & now called Woodstock in the town of Cairo in said County of Green, but then in the County of Albany in the State of New York, and served there a few days & then went under the same officers & company of soldiers through a wilderness country to the Middle Fort in Schoharie, in the County of Schoharie & State of New York, now in the town of Middle Burgh in said county of Schoharie; and that Captain Silas Gray commanded the said company of which this declarant was a member but a few days after going to the Middle Fort in Schoharie & was succeeded by Captain _____ Harrison who commanded the said company during the remainder of the time this declarant was in the service in said company.

That the Middle Fort aforesaid is west from Woodstock aforesaid about twenty seven miles; and that the company under Captain Gray of which this deponent was a member were alone at Woodstock in Cairo aforesaid & after leaving Woodstock to the Middle Fort were alone again at that place, there being no other company or body of men attached or connected to said company & that there were no field officers in or about Woodstock or the Middle Fort aforesaid at the time this declarant was in the service as aforesaid and that at the time he entered the service he resided in the town of Cairo in the County of Albany & State of New York but now the town of Cairo in Greene County aforesaid & that he entered as a substitute for Frederick Eckler who was a classman for nine months; the said Frederick Ecker being deranged at this time and having no lucid intervals so that his testimony cannot be had that he continued in the service in the Middle Fort until the fore part of the winter in the month of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two & was then discharged by Captain Harrison, but did not received [sic] a written discharge & went home.

This declarant was in the service after Schoharie was burnt; has received his bounty land for his service in the Revolutionary War & sold it to Judge Hogaboom of Columbia County in the State of New York; that he was not acquainted with any of the Regular officers; he has no documentary evidence and no person, except David VanDyke whose affidavit is hereto attached, whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service.

That he entered as a substitute for Mr. Eckel to serve nine month[s] under the above named officers & at the place herein before said forth; & was not in any battles, was there for the purpose of guarding the place as it was very much exposed.

And hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) John Barker

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid in open court. William V. B. Hermance, Clerk.