

Pension Application for Levi Barker

S.12063

Continental

New York

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 17th 1832.

State of New York

Oneida County SS.

On this 9th day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty two— personally appeared in open court before the Court of Chancery—holden before Nathan Williams Esqr, Vice Chancellor of the 5th Circuit of the State of New York (being a court of record), now sitting in the City of Utica—in the County of Oneida & State aforesaid—Levi Barker of the Town of Kirkland—in said County aged 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.—That he enlisted in the company of Infantry commanded by Captain [Kern?](1)—that said company was not attached to any Regiment that they were call[ed] the Kings district troops, Lt. Rexford had the command that said company was attached to Genl VanRensselaer (2)—Brigade of Green Bush that this tour of duty was in the month of October (as he believes) in the year seventeen hundred & seventy seven (3)—that this deponent was a private in said company that he served as herein stated one month and was discharged at German Flats in the County of now Herkimer & state aforesaid, that this deponent was honourably discharged from said service.

That the said Brigade marched to StonRobby—thence to German Flats—that they retook some prisoners at Canada Creek—in what is now Herkimer County New York.

That he does not recollect the place, in the year 1778 (4)—this deponent was a private in a company of Infantry that said company was ordered to Stillwater in the fall of that year—that this deponent served as a private in said campain [campaign] in said company [sic]—that he served two or three months in said company during said campain --: That he does not recollect the Col's name who commanded the regiment to which said company belonged. That this deponent was honourbly discharged at German Flats.—

That at New Lebanon in the County of Columbia & State of New York this deponent enlisted as a private in Captain Moodys (5) company of Artillery in Colonel Lamb's regiment of Genl Knoxes Brigade--: in the United States Army for the period of nine months. That he was honourably discharged at the expiration of said term of service that this deponent faithfully served the full term of said nine months as a private in said company as aforesaid – That this deponent enlisted in said company of Artillery as herein before stated the first of April seventeen hundred and eighty seven he believes & was discharged at West Point the first of January seventeen hundred & eighty three that he received a written discharge—but has lost it--& is unable to state where, at what time, or in what manner that said discharge was signed by Col. Lamb.

That this deponent has no other evidence above, that herewith exhibited.

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

Sworn & Subscribed this 9th day of Augt 1832.N. Williams Vice Chancl.

Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department to be put to applicant for pensions—under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

First. Where & in what year were you born.

Second. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Third—Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War--& where do you now reside.

Fourth. How were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom.

Fifth. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental & Malitia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service.

Sixth. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service – if so by whom was it given & what has become of it.

Seventh. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

The said Levi Barker who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing; being only sworn according to law true answer to make, to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department to be put to applicants for pensions, under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832—Deponent says: That he was born in the Town of Westbury in the County of Litchfield & State of Connecticut in the year seventeen hundred and sixty one.

That his age is recorded in Westbury aforesaid.

The he lived in New Lebanon when he entered service & removed to Canajoharrie in 1787 & removed to his present place of residence in seventeen hundred & ninety four & has resided in his present place of residence to the present time.

That he in 1782 was a substitute for one Andrew Hunter.

That when at German Flats—Genl VanRensselaer of Greenbush—Col. Van Duser were present (of militia) that said Col. was cashiered for mutiny; that there were no regular officers except Capt. [Dunmore?] who was with said troops. That the regt he belonged to was called the Kings District regt; that there was a regt of Dutchmen from Kinderhook &c.

That he received a discharge from the continental service, but that it is lost & this deponent is now unable to state when, where, or how he lost said discharge. (Signed) Levi Barker

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1. The captain's name is not legible but Samuel Rexford served as the first lieutenant in Captain Elijah Gilbert's Eighth Company in Colonel William B. Whiting's Seventeenth Regiment of Albany County Militia. This regiment was raised to defend the King's District.
2. Brigadier General Robert Van Rensselaer was appointed on June 16, 1780 to command the Second Brigade of the Albany County Militia.
3. VanRensselaer was the Colonel of the Eighth Regiment of Albany County Militia in 1777. In October of 1780, General VanRensselaer did pursue a large raiding force under Sir John Johnson and the Americans went as far as Fort Herkimer in pursuit.
4. Levi served in Captain Gideon King's Company in Colonel Whiting's Regiment. He may have been under his command in this tour of duty. If they went to Stillwater it seems unlikely that they were also at the German Flatts. He may have two different tour mixed into one.

5. Captain Andrew Moody of Colonel John Lamb's Second Regiment of Continental Artillery. Levi enlisted as a matross or private (a soldier of artillery, who ranked next below a gunner) on July 6th 1782, in Colonel Lamb's Regiment. Levi's name does not appear on any of Captain Moody's Muster Rolls although he probably did serve in that company but as he was a levy he was not considered part of the company. Levi's name appears on "Roll & Muster of a Detachment of Levies belonging to the Second Regiment of Artillery." FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 120, folder 50, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
6. Colonel VanDusen has not been located among the militia.
7. The Captain's name is illegible and Dunmore is a guess. A Dunmore also cannot be located among the militia.