

Pension Application for John Barr

W.17258 (Widow: Hannah) John died 1806.

B.L.Wt.167-150- Ensign. Issued July 5, 1792 to John Gansey assignee. No papers.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the 3d Section of the act of 4th July 1836 and of the 1st Section of the Act of 3d March 1837.

State of New York

Broome County SS.

On this sixth day of March 1838 personally appeared before Court of Oyer & Terminer in & for said County of Broome, Hannah Barr, a resident of Barker in the County of Broome and State of New York, aged seventy Seven Years on the Sixteenth day of March Instant, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision that by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3d 1837.

That she was married to John Barr who was a Serjeant & an Ensign in the Revolutionary Army. That her said husband enlisted at the commencement of said Revolution for three years in the Fourth Regiment or the Second Regiment according to what she has heard him say, She thinks Col Frederick Weisenfels belonged to one [of] the Regiments. She says he Enlisted in the Town of America in Dutchess County State of New York. She does not recollect the Captains name under whom he enlisted—

She says, her said Husband, Enlisted, again after his time of service had expired, as before it had expired, for during the War—and she says, he had a Commission & served as a Lieutenant, before is service was out she says, he had an Ensign commission to her certain knowledge, before they were married—she says—she had heard her said Husband say that he was in the battle of the taking of Genl Burgoyne, and was at Fort Montgomery when taking she says, she has heard him say, that he was under Genl Clinton—she says she was married to the said John Barr in said Town of Armenia on the Eighth or tenth day of May Seventeen hundred and Eighty one, by Esquire Colver Chamberlain—Peter Shearling, Dorcas Cornwell & others were present when I was married—

She says she has no documentary evidence of her marriage & that no record of marriages were kept in the State of New York to her knowledge, either by the Town Clerk, or in the Parish Churches, to her knowledge, either by the Town Clerk, or in the parish Church, to her knowledge—she says, that her said Husband the aforesaid John Barr Died on the 28th day of September Eighteen hundred & six, of the Billious Fever at the Town of Cairo, Greene County, State of New York—and that she has remained a widow, & still remains a widow ever since her said husbands decease—She says her name before marriage was Hannah [Shernkis?]. (Signed with her mark) Hannah Barr

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. B. Marvin Clerk of Broome County