

Pension Application for Benjamin D. Brooker or Benjamin Cain

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts SS.

On this seventh day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a Court of Record, Viz. Boston Court of Common Pleas Benjamin D. Brooker alias Cain aged Forty five years, resident in Boston in the County of Suffolk in said District, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: in the Company commanded by Capt. Talmadge in the Regiment commanded by Col. Hopkins afterwards to the company commanded by Capt. Clark in the Regiment commanded by Col. Vancortland New York Line of the army was enscribed on the Pension Roll of the Mass. agency in consequence of his being a member of this common wealth having always resided here previous to the Revolutionary War his declaration was made on 15th May 1818 Pension Certificate is No 2777 & dated 29 March 1819.

And I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons, engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. (Signed) Benjamin D. Brooker

Sworn to and declares by the said Brooker on the seventeenth day of July A.D. 1820 before Artemas Ward Sole Judge of the Boston Court of Common Pleas.

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Norfolk

On this 15th day of May 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the Southern Circuit, personally appeared Benjamin D. Brooker of Hingham aged Fifty-one years, resident in the said Circuit, who being by me first duly cautioned according to law, on his oath made the following declaration, by him signed, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War."

I, Benjamin D. Brooker alias Benjamin Cain now residing in Hingham in the County of Plymouth, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the fifty second year of my age; I was born in New Haven, State of Connecticut, lived principally in New York State, until I entered the army at about eleven years of age, I entered as Drummer in Capt. William Clarks Company (there being another man of the name of Brooker, in this came company, I was called Cain & went by that name during my stay in the army). In Colonel [Brinkerruff's??] Regiment, in the New York Line of the army on the Continental Establishment. I entered as Drummer in the Spring of the year 1778 for nine months, and served at near Fishkill—with fidelity—for at least two months at least, I again engaged as a drummer, in Capt. Runnel's company as Col Hawkin's Regiment in New York Line for one year, which terms I served out faithfully, but had no written discharge this last service was in a [?] company at the end of this term I again enlisted for the war in said Capt Runnel's Company and same Regiment, the service was nearly all performed in the State of New York. I served to the end of the War and was discharged in May or June at 1783. A part of the last mentioned service was in Colonel Cortlandt's Regiment, I was in no considerable battles at the close of the war I had an honorable discharge which I have since lost as [???] I have resided in the State of Massachusetts about twenty nine years & never was out of the limit of the United States, I know of no person in this state now living who was in the same company & regiment with me. Further declare

that I stand [in] need (from my reduced circumstances] of the aid of my country for support. This is all the evidence which I have in my power to offer. (Signed) Benjamin D. Brooker
Thomas B. Adams Chief Jus.