

Pension Application for Abijah Barker

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I Abijah Barker of Antrim in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire depose and say that at the time I made application to the War Department for a pension under the Act of 1832 I did not think it necessary to state the time during which I served as Sergeant, supposing that this would appear from the records in the war office—but having been informed that the records of Colo Vose's Regt were imperfect not coming further down than 1780—I am induced for the purpose of correcting an imperfection—which without the roll might & would naturally be received from the state of my Sergeants warrant—to forward this affidavit in support and explanation of my claim.

I entered the service in the fall of the year of 1781—as a private for the term of three years, soon after joining the army I think in the month of June 1782 I was made Seargent [sergeant] in Capt Williams Company in the 1st Massachusetts Regt commanded by Colo Joseph Vose—and in that grade or as Quartermaster Sarjent. [sergeant] I served to the close of the war. In my discharge which I think is now on file at Washington I was originally designated as Sarjent, but on presenting it to Ajutant [Adjutant] Bowles he said, that I had served so long as Quartermaster Sargent that I ought as such to be discharged and interlined in my discharge the words "Quartermaster".

I did not receive my warrant till near the close of the war and the same within my knowledge was true of many (fi not all) of the sarjents of that Regiment. We considered the possession of our warrants of the consequence and should probably never have received them but several other with myself finding a young man who wrote well hired him to make them but they were then presented to and signed by the colonel.

I shall regret deeply if the circumstance of my having procured a Sergeants warrant near the close of the war shall preclude me from receiving pay according to my real Station for nearly two years previous to its date.

That I was a Searjeant and not a private is certain.

That I did not receive a warrant at the time of my appointment was no fault of mine.

I shall suffer for the regulation of others having established by evidence the grade in which I actually served. Signed Abijah Barker

Sworn and subscribed before me December 15, 1833, Hillsborough County New Hampshire. S. Mc Nett, Justice of the Peace.