

Pension Application for John Barker

W.15563 (Widow: Phebe) Married Oct 31, 1780. He died Oct 6, 1839.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.
State of Massachusetts: County of Essex SS.

On; this twenty fifth day of September A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable Daniel Appleton White, Judge of the Court of Probate for the County of Essex aforesaid, now sitting, John baker, a resident of Andover, in the County of Essex and State of Massachusetts, aged 79 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 7, 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:

On the 19th day of April AD 1775, he march'd to Lexington, Thence to Cambridge, and enlisted in Cap'n Hammon's Company as a private in Col. Farnum's Regiment in the Massc'tt Line for the term of eight months. He was in the Battle at Bunker Hill, and am one of the last who left the Fort, and brot off on his [?] a Lieutenant in Cap'n [?] in said Regiment, who was [?] and who is now an Invalid Pensioner of the United States and is 88 years of age he then returned to Cambridge, and served his term out, & was discharged at Cambridge.

That about the 10th of Sep'n 1777 he again enlisted as a private at Andover in Cap'n Stevens Company in Col Bricketts Regiment of Melitia [militia] and immediately marched to Saratoga and was at the taking of Burgoyne's Army and assisted in guarding the pensioners to Cambridge.

He enlisted for one month and served his term out, and was discharged at Cambridge.

He was born in Andover Ms. In 1753. There is a record of his age in the office of the Clerk of said town. He was living at Andover when he entered the service and has lived there ever since. He was a volunteer, he had no written discharge.

He is known to Rev'd Bailey Lowry and Gayton P. Osgood Esq.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. D. A. White. Judge of Probate.

Letter in folder dated August 27, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, W.15563, based upon the military service of John Barker.

He was born in 1753 in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts.

While living in Andover, Massachusetts, he belonged to Captain Benjamin Farnum's Company of Minutemen in the winter of 1774-5 and marched t Lexington on April 19, 1775, from there to Cambridge where he enlisted and served eight months as sergeant in Captain Benjamin Farnum's company in Colonel James Frye's

Massachusetts regiment. He enlisted at Andover September 29, 1777, and served one month and nine days as sergeant in Captain John Adams' company in Colonel Samuel Johnson's Massachusetts regiment and was at the capture of Burgoyne at Saratoga.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 25, 1832, at which time he was living in Andover, Massachusetts, where he had always lived.

John Barker died October 6, 1839.

He married October 31, 1780, Phebe Wood of Boxford, Massachusetts, at which place the marriage was recorded.

Said Phebe Barker was allowed pension as the widow of John Barker on her application executed July 21, 1840, at which time she was eighty-four years of age and was living in Andover, Massachusetts.

The papers in this claim contain no further data relative to the soldier's family.