

### **Pension Application for Jonas Barker**

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Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.  
State of Connecticut  
County of Windham SS.

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of the County of Windham aforesaid, now sitting, Jonas Barker a resident of the town of Thompson in the County of Windham, and state of Connecticut, aged 89 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 fothe United States under the dollowing named officers, and served as herein stated:

In about 1776 I enlisted in the Revolutionary Army, under Capt. Jonathan Gates of Ashburnham County of Worcester & State of Massachusetts, for 3 months & marched to Danbury in Connecticut & thence in the State of New Jersey near Morristown at a place called Bound Brook, I believe. Was in a Regiment commanded by Colo Sparrowhawk, as stationed there to guard the lines.

I remember on night our company attached to guard of the enemy & took a field piece, one horse, 2 prisoners & some of the artificers & on our return were fired upon by mistake by our own men, the Countersign that night was Lee. From the scarcity [scarcity] of men I was kept 4 months & discharged & came home in March 1777.

In July of 1777, I was drafted for 3 months to go to the north, was gone two weeks, and then dismissed, orders coming for us to return.

In 1779 I enlisted for 3 months under Capt Joshua Walker or Woburn Massachusetts & was in Colo. Darneys Regiment Marched 15 or 10 miles above Albany in the State of New York & staid there till my time was out & dismissed.

From age and infirmity I cannot remember the officers or other circumstances of my service & I do not know of any living witnesses or evidence of my service & I do not know of any living witnesses or evidence of my service than what I have obtained. From poverty & sickness, I have not before applied for a Pension, and am now enabled to do it by the assistance of my son, with home I have recently come to reside.

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

The following interrogatories were by said court propounded to said applicant, viz—

1. Where and in what year were you born? I was born in Acton, State of Massachusetts in 1754.
2. Have you any record of your age; and if so, where is it? I have at home.
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live? In In Hitchburgh & Acton, Massachusetts some of the time I have lived in Woodstock Connecticut, & now live in Thompson, Connecticut.

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom? In the manner I have above stated.
5. State the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service. I have so far as my memory served me.
6. Did you ever receive from the service; and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it? I never had one.
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier of the revolution. Rev'd Alan Underwood & John Fox, Esq. (Signed) Jonas Barker.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid, before the Court of Probate for thDistrict of Thompson, for athe county of Windham in the State of Connecticut. John Nichols, Judge.