

Pension Application for Walter Barriger or Barrager, or Barrage or Barringer

W.18572 (Widow: Margaret) Married September 1785. Walter died Christmas Day 1836.

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldier of the army of the Revolution , approved on the fifteenth of May 1828, I Walter Barriger now of the Town of Madrid in the County of St. Lawrence in the State of New York do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period I was a private in Captain Paulding's Company, in the Second Regiment of the New York Line, having first enlisted in Captain DeBoyce Company which was afterwards commanded by Captain Paulding and that during the first two years of my service, I acted as a drummer and also that my regiment was commanded by Col. Courtland—and I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1778 & that I received a discharge, which I have since lost. And further declares that I was not on the fifteenth day of March 1828, on the Pension List of the United States.

In presence of Geo. Redington, Esquire, Justice of the Peace for the County of St. Lawrence.

Letter in file dated February 19, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Walter Barrager, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.18572, based upon the military service of Walter Barriger or Barrager in the Revolutionary War.

Walter Barriger or Barrager, while living in Hurley, Ulster County, New York, enlisted in 1777 and served nine months in Captain Bevier's New York Company. He enlisted about September 1778, and served until the end of the war in Captains Bevier, Henry DuBois and Pawling's company, Colonel VanCortlandt's 2nd New York Regiment. He served as private and drummer; the first two years of his service as drummer.

After the Revolution, he lived in Albany and Schoharie Counties, New York, and about 1794 moved to Matilda, Upper Canada, thence to Madrid, St. Lawrence County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 22, 1828, at which time he was a resident of Madrid, Saint Lawrence County, New York.

In 1830, soldier was still a resident of St. Lawrence County, New York and aged seventy-three years.

He died December 25, 1833, in Madrid, New York, in an accident caused by the upsetting of his sleigh.

Soldier married in September 1783, or 1785, in Albany, New York, or Schoharie, New York, Margaret Fero, who was born January 31, 1767 or 1769. They were both of Quinman Patent about fifty miles from Albany, New York, and lived in the home of soldier's brother (name not given). After marriage they lived about four years at Coeymans, Albany County, New York; subsequently lived in Schoharie County, New York, and in the fall of 1794 moved to Matilda, Dundas County, Province of Upper Canada, where they lived many years, then moved to Madrid, New York.

Soldier's widow, Margaret or Margerit Barriger, Barrager, or Bariger, was allowed pension on her application executed December 26, 1839, at which time she was living in Ogdensburgh, Saint Lawrence County, New York.

In 1843 she was living in the township of Winchester, Province of Canada West (later Upper Canada), where she was still living in 1855.

Walter and Margaret Barriger or Barrager had twelve children, of whom the following names were given:

John or Johannes Barrager, baptized July 20, 1789, and aged about 9 years in 1794.

Andrew Barrager, born December 7, 1788, and in 1840 living in Winchester, Upper Canada.

Mary Barrager, born May 31, 1794, and at least 18 years old in 1840. [She would be all of that, more like 46!]

Betsey or Elizabeth Barrager

Jacob Barrager

Abraham Barrager, born March 1, 1801, baptized March 29, 1801.

Catharine, Cathrine or Catarina Barrager, born June 28, 1803, and baptized August 10, 1803.

William Barrager, born January 3, 1806, and baptized February 9, 1806, sponsored by William and Elizabeth Barriger, his wife, relationship not shown.

Margarett or Peggy Barrager

Gordon or Henry Gordon Barrager baptized about 1820.

The names of the other two children are not stated.

In 1830, one William Barrager, aged seventy-five years testified in the soldier's claim for pension in Saint Lawrence County, New York, and in 1841, one William Barrager was living in Auburn, Cayuga County, New York, relationship to soldier not shown.

In 1839, Hannah Strader, a niece of the soldier, who was born December 23, 1782, was living in Matilda, Upper Canada.

Margaret Barriger or Barrager died May 1, 1858, place not stated.