

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of David Barker S6560

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State of North Carolina, Caswell County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, October Term 1832

On this 9th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina, now sitting, David Barker, a resident of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina, aged 72 years on the 23rd day of March last, who being first duly sworn and according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit:

That he turned out for three months as a volunteer some time in the month of August 1779 (the precise day of the month he does not remember) under the command of Captain William Hardin [also spelled William Harden] in the militia Service in the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina, which was then, and has since continued to be my place of residence; we marched shortly after to Hillsboro in this State where we remained about 10 days, and were then permitted to return home until further orders. About the 1st December 1779, we were again ordered by Captain Hardin into Service, and were marched to Hillsboro to join a Regiment of militia intended to march to the relief of South Carolina. On the 5th day of December 1779, I marched from Hillsboro in Captain Hardin's Company, the Regiment of militia to which we were attached, being commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle a Continental officer, we marched through Salisbury and Charlotte in this State and on our way to South Carolina, we joined the Brigade of militia commanded by General Rutherford, near the borders of that State. General Rutherford in a few days after we joined his Brigade, quit his command and returned home, one of the regiments attached to his Brigade was at that time commanded by Colonel Hampton, as I was informed; I do not now recollect what officer commanded the other Regiment attached to General Rutherford's Brigade. We marched into South Carolina through Camden, and arrived in Charleston some time in the month of January 1780 where we were placed under the command of General Lincoln, while remaining there our Army was frequently fired on by the British troops, from a fort which they had erected, we always returned their fire, and sometimes our Army commenced it, which was kept up for several weeks with intervals sometimes of a day or two. On the 24th of March 1780 I received a discharge at Charleston after having been in service for the two periods above mentioned, about four months and three or four days, my discharge was signed by Colonel Lytle and Captain Hardin, which has since been lost or mislaid. After having been discharged I arrived at home on the 9th day of April 1780. About the 1st of September 1780, I entered a militia company for the term of three months in the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina I entered as a Substitute in place of Alexander Wiley Captain James Wilson having command of the company to which I was attached, and the Regiment to which we belonged, being commanded by Colonel William Moore, after having joined the Regiment of Colonel Moore at Caswell Court House, we marched to Hillsboro, where we joined several other regiments of militia, and were all placed under the command of General Butler, from thence we marched through Salisbury to New Providence in this State, where we joined a Brigade of militia commanded by General Davidson, also Colonel Washington and his troop of horse, and General Morgan and his Riflemen, from thence we marched to Rugeley's Mills where a large number of Tories had embodied, we attacked them and took about 500 prisoners and marched back to Salisbury with them, where I was discharged about the 1st of December 1780 after having served a tour of three months. The discharge which I then received has been either lost or mislaid. About the 15th of January 1781, I turned out as a volunteer for two months in Captain Oldham's Company, in the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina in the Regiment to which we were attached was commanded by Colonel William Moore, we marched into the County of Orange in this State, and attacked a body of

Tories at a place called Powell's race paths, defeated them and took some prisoners. Afterwards we joined General Greene's Army in Guilford County in this State on the Alamance, and continued with them until the battle of Guilford was fought on the 15th March 1781. Two or three days after the battle I was discharged in Caswell County N. C. after having served two months and one or two days.

In September 1781, about the first of the month as well as I can recollect, I volunteered in Caswell County in this State for the term of three months under Captain Oldham, Colonel Moore being the commanding officer of the Regiment to which we were attached we marched in pursuit of the Tories, who had taken the Governor of North Carolina at Hillsborough and pursuing them we got in a few miles of Wilmington in this State, we were met near that place British troops and Tories, and after skirmishing with them for a short time, we were ordered by General Butler our commanding officer to retreat. Afterwards the enemy attacked us about midnight, at a place called the Brown Marsh and broke in upon our lines, and took some prisoners and bayoneted some of our men. I continued in service until the expiration of the three months for which I had volunteered, and was discharged some time about the first of December 1781 – at a place called Clayton's on the North fork of Cape Fear River, having been in the militia service of my country and the different tours above mentioned for a period of 12 months and about four days.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court and answers to the Same --

Question 1. When and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in the County of Louisa, State of Virginia, on the 23rd of March 1761.

Ques 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have a record of my birth in my Bible at home.

Ques 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I lived in Caswell County State of North Carolina and have resided there ever since.

Ques 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: In the first tour served (in 1779 and 1780), I volunteered. In the second tour (1780 September) I became a Substitute in place of Alexander Wiley. And the third tour (January 1781) I turned out as a volunteer. In the fourth tour (September 1781) I turned out again as a volunteer.

Ques 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I served in a Militia Regiment in 1779 & 1780, which marched from this State to Charleston S. C., commanded by Colonel Lytle a Continental officer, when we arrived in Charleston, General Lincoln commanded the American troops stationed there. In September 1780 when under the command of General Butler a Militia officer, we were joined by Colonel Washington and his troop of horse and General Morgan and his Riflemen, at New Providence in this State. In 1781 I was in Col. Moore's Militia Regiment, and we joined General Greene's Army in Guilford County. In September 1781, being in the Regiment of Colonel Moore, we were joined by General Butler with several Regiments of Militia in this State near Wilmington, one of his Regiments, being commanded by Colonel Owen, the other commander in General Butler's Brigade I do not remember. For a more particular account of the officers and Regiments with which I served, and the general circumstances of my service, I would refer to my statement as made above.

Ques 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received a discharge signed by Captain Hardin and Colonel Lytle at Charleston 24 March 1780 which is either lost or mislaid – and in my other tours of service, I received discharges from my officers, all of which are lost or mislaid supposing them to be of little value

Ques 7th 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 in the revolution.

Ans: I can refer to General Azariah Graves and Thomas Haralson of this County, and also many other citizens residing in this County.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. S/ David Barker

Test: S/ Paul A. Haralson, Clk

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Personally appeared in open Court this 9th day of October 1832 William Parker¹ a resident of the County and State aforesaid and he deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with David Barker who has subscribed the above declaration, that he entered into service in Captain Hardin's company in the Militia some time in the month of December 1779-- and that he well remembers that the said David Barker was a Soldier in the same company, we marched in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle from Hillsboro in this State to Charleston in S. C. where we arrived sometime in the month of January 1780. The said David Barker continuing in the service for some time after we marched there, and as this affiant thinks and believes, was discharged sometime in the spring following.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

Test: S/ Paul A. Haralson, Clk

S/ S/ William Parker, X his mark\

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Personally appeared in open Court this 9th day of October 1832, William H. Rice² a resident of the County of Rockingham, and State of North Carolina, who deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with David Barker who has subscribed the above declaration at the commencement of the Revolution, both of us residing at that time in the County of Caswell in this State – About the first of September 1780 this affiant joined the Militia company commanded by Captain Wilson, he well remembers that the said David Barker at the same time was a soldier in the same company which was attached to a Regiment of Militia, commanded by Colonel William Moore. We marched to Hillsboro in this State where we joined several other Regiments of militia, and were all placed under the command of General Butler. We then marched through Salisbury to New Providence in this State, where we were joined by Colonel Washington and his troop of horse, General Morgan and his Riflemen, and also some of her Militia troops. From thence we marched to Rugeley's Mills, and attacked a large body of Tories, and took a number of prisoners. We then marched back to Salisbury, and were discharged about the 1st of December 1780, having served a tour of three months. And this affiant well remembers that the said David Barker continued in the service until we were discharged. This affiant further states that he was in the battle of Guilford on the 15th of March 1781, and that the said David Barker was also in the same battle, in the Militia company of Captain Oldham. This affiant further states that sometime in September 1781 that he was in Captain Oldham's company of militia, which was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Moore. That the said David Barker was also a soldier in the same company that they pursued the Tories in the direction of Wilmington near which place we had several skirmishes with them and the British, and were discharged about the 1st of December 1781 after having served three months, and this affiant well remembers that the said David Barker served during the whole of that tour.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year above mentioned.

Test: S/ Paul A. Haralson, Clk

S/ Wm H. Rice

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