

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Barker R506

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State of Kentucky } Sct

Henry County }

On this 1st day of May 1834 personally appeared before me William McCrackin a Justice of the peace in and for Henry County and one of the Judges of the County Court for said County William Barker aged 69 years who being duly Sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of congress passed the 7th of June 1832. This declarent states that he was residing in Monongahala [sic: Monongalia] County State of Virginia when he entered the Service of the United States and served as herein stated that upon the frontier of Va the Indians were very troublesome frequently breaking in upon the settlement and killing the defenceless inhabitants in order to have the frontier secure from these frequent attacks Coln John Evans [pension application S8444] of said Cty of Monongahala did in the month of April in the year of 1781 Issue an order to Capt John Dent [W4663] of said Cty to raise a company for the purpose of defending the frontier when he the said William Barker was drafted for a tour of seven months and during said tour of seven months he states that he did discharge his duty as a soldier in scouting and spieing said frontiers he states that after his said seven months expired and all of Capt Dents men being verbally discharged that Coln Evans requested the company under Capt Dent to attend at Morgan Town [sic: Morgantown] and receive a written discharge he states that he did not attend but in the month of Nov he received a written discharge signed by Coln John Evans for a seven months tour of duty. He further states that in the Spring of 1782 about the middle of April another draft for seven months took place in said County of Mononongahala when he the said William Barker was drafted into the service for a second tour of seven months and served under John Evans Jr Lieutenant Capt John Dent and Coln John Evans Sr. he states that under the command of the aforesaid officer that he was actively employed in defending the frontiers on the Monongahala [sic: Monongahela] river for the space of seven months and after having faithfully discharged his duty in pursuing the Indians whenever they made and attack upon the settlers and in scouting and spieing throught the frontier country was honourably discharged by his said Coln Evans in writing in the month Sept 1782. He states that he has no documentary — of his service and knows of no living witness by whom he can prove said service he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state and that from bodily affliction he is unable to appear in open Court to make his declaration.

William hisXmark Barker

Answers to the Questions by the Justice

I was Born in Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County State of Virginia in the year of 1765 and I have no record of my age and when I entered the service I living Monongahala County Va. and since the revolution I have lived in Bourbon and Shelby Counties Ky and I now live in Henry Cty Ky. and I was drafted twice into the service for tours of seven months each and there were no regular officers where I served. there were no continental regiments and but one militia regiment that was commanded by Coln Evans and the general circumstances of my service was that of scouting spieing and pursuing the Indians through the Monongahala Country and I did receive two discharges signed by John Evans Coln – which discharges I have lost. and I will name Isaac Malin Clergyman and William Ball who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my service as a soldier of the Revolution

War Dept. Pen Office

May 17, 1834

Sir The papers in the case of William Barker sent to you from John Field of New Castle have been examined. He alleges to have served under a draft a tour of seven months, under Col John Evans, in 1781

against the Indians, and in 1782 another tour of seven months under Capt. Dent & Lt John Evans jr. There were no drafts of the Militia to serve under Col Evans, excepting in 1778, at which time the applicant was too young to serve in the army. If he performed any service at all against the Indians as he alleges, it was after the revolutionary war [concluded 15 Apr 1783], and such service is not provided for by the act of June 7 1832. The claim cannot therefore be allowed. The papers will be placed on file in this office.