

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Barker S2953

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State of Tennessee, Maury County

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the court of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting George Barker a resident of Maury County and State of Tennessee, aged Seventy-four years the 25<sup>th</sup> day of last March, 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<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (to wit) under Colonel Hugh Tinnon [Hugh Tinnen] of Orange County N. C., Major Philip Taylor of Granville County, N. C. whom I understood to be a Continental Captain but acted as Major in that campaign Adam Sanders Captain of Caswell County and William Wilson Lieutenant of Caswell County, N. C. that he entered the service he thinks in February 1780, as a volunteer from Caswell County NC. We rendezvoused at Hillsboro, we marched from there to Salisbury from thence through Charlotte in Mecklenburg County to Camden in South Carolina from thence by Moncks Corner to Charlestown, where we were besieged and a continual cannonading kept up from about the 10<sup>th</sup> of April until the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May [sic, May 12, 1780] when General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] who commanded in chief at that place capitulated with Sir Henry Clinton the British commander there and I was surrendered as prisoner of war was kept in confinement a short time was then paroled and some time in the summer of 1781 was exchanged and in a short time again volunteered and went into the service under Col. William Moore from Caswell County, Captain John Oldham also from the same County, we marched about the last of August or first of September in pursuit of some Tories and Scotch, who had taken Governor Burke [Thomas Burke], Major Tatum and a number of other leading characters at Hillsboro in Orange County we Joined General Butler [John Butler] and pursued the Tories & Scotch and had several skirmishes with them one very warm one at the Brown Marsh [September 1781], then crossed Cape Fear River and marched up to Fayetteville, then marched towards Wilmington, and was Joined by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] we were marched from place to place until we got to North East River about ten miles from Wilmington, was discharged about the 15<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of December by Captain Thomas Owen (Colonel Moore having left the Army to take his seat in the General Assembly) Colonel Robert Mebane a regular or Continental officer was with us in the skirmish at the Brown Marsh and continued with us for some short time afterwards, that he has no documentary evidence, nor knows of no person by whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. 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.

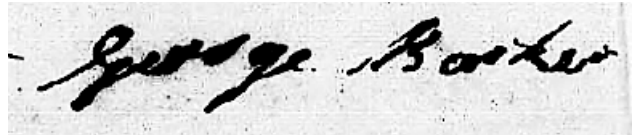
That the Said Barker was Born in the State of Virginia in the County of Louisa on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1759, his father moved to North Carolina when Declarant was in his 15<sup>th</sup> year of his age, to the County of Orange this County was afterwards divided & the part in which I lived was afterwards Caswell County, he lived there until 18 years ago, at which time he moved to this Maury County in the

State of Tennessee & have lived here ever since.

And all his service he volunteered & never served any other way than as a volunteer, his first term to Charleston was for three months: Generals Woodford & Scott both from [were] Virginia Continental officers: General Hogun of North Carolina & Colonel Lytle of Hillsboro both Continental officers were at the surrender of Charleston, he was not exchanged until the Summer following: 1781, & soon after his exchange he volunteered as before stated, his last term of service was three months & a few days the precise number of days he cannot precisely say but states that he served at least three months in each of his said tours making six months he was a private in both tours -- & acted as Sergeant in the last tour for a short time.

I have a record of my age in my Bible I copied it from the Book that my father left when he died. Colonel Owen gave him a written discharge in his last tour which he has lost. The British gave me a parole at Charleston that I have also lost.

S/ George Barker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Barker". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Ct. December 19, 1833

S/ Thos J. Porter, Clerk

[Joshua N. Kilpatrick, a clergyman, and William Lytle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]