

January 27, 1932

Mr. F. G. Foster
109 W. Hillsdale Street
Lansing, Michigan.

BA-J/ANF

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter relative to Timothy Barker, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S. 18615, based upon the military service in the Revolutionary War of Timothy Barker.

He was the son of Timothy and Hannah Barker and was born, April 5, 1750 in Branford, New Haven County, Connecticut.

He enlisted, while residing in said Branford, and served as a private with the Connecticut troops, as follows- from in the spring of 1775 in Captain William Douglass' company, who was soon promoted to Major, then under Captain Samuel Barker and under said Major William Douglass, was at the siege of St. Johns, and was discharged, November 28, 1775, but did not reach home until after Christmas Day, he stated that while in this service he rowed Ethan Allen many a mile in General Montgomery's barge; from sometime in June 1776, six months in Captain Edward Russell's company, and was in the retreat from Long Island. He also served four months as a guard in Branford, at the time the brig "Defence" was being built, this brig was commanded by Captain Charles Pond and sailed from Brandon, this service was in 1779.

He was allowed pension on his application submitted, July 17, 1832, then a resident of Branford, Connecticut.

He died October 2, 1833.

The soldier's widow, Irene Barker, in 1834 was a

resident of Branford, Connecticut and was aged seventy-seven years.

In 1833 one Chandler Barker was Justice of the Peace in New Haven County, Connecticut. No relationship to soldier or his widow is shown.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Assistant to Administrator.

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Connecticut

Timothy Barker Sec.
Hon in the State of Connecticut
he was a private in the com commanded
Captain Darglas of the reg commanded
Lieut Darglas in the Connecticut
for 16 mo and 15 day

Inscribed on the Roll of Connecticut
the rate of 55 Dollars — Cents per annum,
commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 1 day of April
1837 and
Darling New Haven
Arrears to the 4th of March 165.00
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4 Sept 27.50
Arrears to the 2 Oct 1833 \$142.50
At the time of his death \$141.70

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

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state how long he served, but supposes about 6 months.
Pay 40 shilling a month.

He was born in Branford, in Connecticut, the 5th (16th) of
April 1750. His age is recorded on the records of said
Branford, agreeable to the certificate hereto annexed.

Has lived in said Branford from a child.

He never had any written discharge, and has no
documentary evidence.

Merion Robbott was with me in the Campaign on
Lake Champlain - and Herman Rogers in that on Long
Island. Timothy P. Giller, Clergyman and Timothy
Johnson, residents of said Branford, will attest to my
veracity and their belief of my services.

Declarant also served about 7 months as guard in
Branford, but could remember ^{few} his officers, & cannot at present
furnish full proof.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension
or annuity except the present, & 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

In witness whereof
Timothy P. Giller
Jesse Darling, Judge of
New Haven County Court

Timothy ^{his} Berham
mark

We Timothy P. Giller a clergyman, residing in said
town of Branford, and Timothy Johnson residing in the
same town, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with
Timothy Berham, who has subscribed and sworn to the above
declaration; that we believe him to be 82 years of age;
that he is reported and believed, in the neighborhood where he
resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we
incur in that opinion. Sworn & subscribed, the day & year
aforesaid.

Jesse Darling, Judge of
New Haven County Court.

Timothy P. Giller
Tim Johnson

said County of New Haven and State of
of Branford, in the County of New Haven and State of
Connecticut, aged 82 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 7th 1832

That his memory is very much impaired, and that he
cannot state but a few events.

That he enlisted in the State troops of Connecticut
under Capt. Douglass, Samuel Barber 1st Lieut.⁺ in
March or April 1775. Barber was afterwards Capt. of the
Company, and Capt. Douglass was Major and Col. of the
Regiment. We went first to ~~Horseneck~~, from there to
Kingbridge, & thence up the North River to Lake Champlain.
Served there during the summer, principally on board
Genl. Montgomery's barge. We were several weeks before
St. Johns, before it surrendered. He remembers Genl.
Wooster was there. Attempted one night, under Cheeseman,
to pass the enemy's fort; told Cheeseman the Indians
were there, for Declarant smelt them blaine. A schooner
of the enemy, with bro's guns, was sunk, and he spent
a fortnight breaking the ice and raising the Schooner. Some
of the troops went to Quebec, the rest returned home. ~~He~~
was gone this campaign eight or nine months; did not
get home till after Christmas. Was not allowed to come
down in the schooner which we raised, but was put aboard
on old crazy thing, full of men & lice. Our pay \$7. or
40 shillings a month. Declarant has rowed old Ethan Allen
many a mile in the barge.

That afterwards, in 1776, the month he cannot state, when
the Connecticut Militia were called out to go to New
York, Declarant chose to enlist - he stood at home a
corporal

State of Connecticut }
County of New Haven. } J. Branford February 18th 1834.

On this 18th day of February 1834, personally appeared before me Noyes Darling, Chief Judge of the County Court for said County of New Haven, Irene Barker, a resident of Branford in said County, aged 77 years, and known to me to be the widow of Timothy Barker deceased, who made and signed the annexed declaration dated the 17th day of July 1832, and the 4th day of June 1833; and said Irene, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, That she is the widow of said Timothy Barker, and that her said husband, Timothy Barker, died the 2^d day of October 1833 - That she claims the pension to which he would have been entitled, if living - for the following terms of service performed by said Timothy during the revolutionary war - viz -

1st for service as a private by enlistment, in 1775, from some time in May till the 28th of November, believed to be a term of 6½ months - For proof of this service, she refers to his declaration of July 17th 1832, to Aaron Hobart's deposition of the same date, & to the Certificate of Elisha Phelps, Comptroller of Public Accounts of said State, dated November 19th 1833.

2^d for like service in 1776 from some time in June till the 25th day of December, believed to be a term of 6 months. For proof of this service she refers to his declaration of July 17th 1832, Aaron Proyer's deposition of the same date, and to the Certificate of said Elisha Phelps, Comptroller, dated November 19th 1833.

3^d for service in guarding the Row Gallery while

as one of said quard for a term of four months. The
quard quartered at her husband's house. Said Row Galley
was rigged & fitted for a cruise by the State of
Connecticut. She was a Brig & called The Defence,
commanded by Capt. Charles Pond, & went to sea from
Newport. For further proof she refers to said Smith's
declaration of July 17th 1832, & to the Certificate of
said Eliza Phelps, Comptroller, dated the 20th January
1834.

Irene Barker

Sworn to and subscribed
the day & year first aforesaid.

Noyes Darling, Judge of
New Haven County Court.

I Noyes Darling, Judge of the County Court
for the County of New Haven, State of Connecticut,
certify that Irene Barker, who has subscribed and
sworn to the foregoing declaration, cannot from infirmity
attend the Court; and that it is proved to me
that she is a person of veracity, & entitled to credit.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
this 18th day of February 1834.

Noyes Darling, Judge of
New Haven County Court.

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3^d for service in guarding the Row Galley while building in Branford, in 1779, for the term of 4 months - The said Irene declares from her own knowledge, that she knows & well recollects that her said husband, Timothy Barker, served as one of the guard, raised by Capt. Samuel Barker, the agent for building a Row Galley at Branford, and did duty

I Mason Hobbs, residing in said town of Branford,
herby certify that I was with the above named Timothy
Barber, who has signed the above declaration, during the
campaign on Lake Champlain; and know that he served
the manner and for the time therein stated. Sworn &
subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Noyes Darling, Judge of
New Haven County Court.

Mason Hobbs

I Herman Rogers, residing in said town of Branford,
herby certify that I was with the said Timothy Barber,
who has signed the above declaration, and know that
he joined the Company and Regiment, above named,
to which I belonged, on Long Island before the
retreat, & that he continued with the Company as a
soldier, till discharged Christmas day. Sworn & subscribed
the day and year aforesaid.

Herman Rogers

Noyes Darling, Judge of
New Haven County Court.

And the said Judge hereby declares his opinion
after the investigation of the matter, and after
submitting the interrogatories, prescribed by the War
Department, that the above named applicants were
revolutionary soldiers, and served as he states. And the
said Judge further certifies, that it appears to him
that Timothy O. Gilder, who has signed the preceding
certificate, is a clergyman residing in the said town
of Branford, and that Timothy Johnson, who has also
signed the same, is a resident in the same town,
and is a credible person, & that their statement is entitled
to credit: and that said applicants, Timothy Barber,
cannot from bodily infirmity. The

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the manner and for the time therein stated. Sworn &
subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Noyes Darling, Judge of
New Haven County Court.

Major Hobart

I Herman Rogers, residing in said town of Branford,
herby certify that I was with the said Timothy Barker,
who has signed the above declaration, and know that
he joined the Company and Regiment, above named,
to which I belonged, on Long Island before the
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to credit: and that said applicants, Timothy Barker,
cannot from bodily infirmity attend the Court.

Noyes Darling, Judge of the
County Court for New Haven County.