

**Pension Application for James Baker**

W.23501 (Widow: Sarah) Married January 18, 1781. James died March 19, 1824.  
State of New York  
Onondaga County SS.

James Baker being duly sworn saith that in the month of March or April in the year seventeen hundred & seventy seven he enlisted as a private soldier for the term of three years in Captain Shay's Company in Col. Rufus Putnam's regiment in the Massachusetts line in the United States Army--& joined the Company at Worcester in Massachusetts & marched to Fishkill where he had the Small pox & then went to the Northward & was at the last battle with Burgoyne after wards marched with the army to the Highlands & was the summer after the taking of Burgoyne transferred with Captain Shays from said Regiment into a Regiment of Light Infantry commanded by Col. Rufus Putnam in a brigade of Light Infantry commanded by General Wayne then Col. Commandant--& under him was in the action at Stony Point—that afterwards Captain Shays left the service --& Lieutenant Gardner, took command of said company to the end of his term when he was discharged.

In the winter of the year seventeen hundred & eighty at West Point—and in the month of April in the year seventeen hundred & eighty one he again enlisted as a private soldier for three years in Captain Days Company in Col. John Brooks regiment in the Massachusetts line in the United States Army & joined the army at West Point in June after & served in said Company & Regiment to the end of the war & when the soldiers who were enlisted for during the war were discharged.

He employed one Henry Hinrtwill a discharged soldier to take his place for the residue of his term of three years--& was discharged by Colonel Brooks—

That he was in actual service under his first said enlistment two years & nine months & under the several enlistment two years & one month.

That his discharges are both lost -- & resides in the Town of Marcellus in the County of Onondaga & from his reduced circumstances in life is in need of the assistance of his country.

Sworn to & declared this eleventh day of April in the year 1818 before me. Joshua Forman, First Judge of Onon. Com. Pleas.