

Pension Application for John Baker

S.23107

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this 28th day of August personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in said county now sitting John Baker a resident of Easton in said county aged seventy six 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in May 1775 he enlisted at Fishkill in the State of New York, into a company commanded by James Rosencrantz, Capt., for 9 months. The Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by General George Clinton, marched to Fort Montgomery – helped to build that Fort—Staid there until the 1st of Jan 1776, when he went home and staid a few days and then enlisted again the last of January or first of February for 9 months. The company remained at Fishkill a few weeks and then marched to the highlands, where they went into barracks. Major Hill commanded the troops—spent the most of this period of enlistment, on scouts, and various other duties until his time expired about the first of Oct 76. He again enlisted at Fishkill late in the fall of this year under Captain William Clark as a minute man and marched (or rather sailed) down to New York, were under the command of Col. Henry Ludington, he was enlisted for 3 months—there they tore down and old fort and erected a new one—thinks it was called Fort Washington. This deponent was engaged on this fort until winter when winter, where his time had expired, and he was discharged and returned home to Fishkill. During the summer of 1777 he served with the rangers, and was out on such since till Oct. 77 when he enlisted again at Fishkill into Capt. Hermanse's company marched to Saratoga & joined General Schuyler's men, went north to Fort Edward and soon after went back to Fishkill, had been out forty five days.

And this deponent further said that he served in the revolutionary army in and for the space of twenty two months. That he received 2 discharges from General Clinton, thought they were of no value, further than for the time being. Did not preserve them and they have been lost for a number of years.

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. He was born at Peekskill in New York [???] he lived at Delhi, Green Bush & Easton in the State of New York, now lives in Easton.

(Signed with his mark) John Baker

Sworn to & subscribed on the day aforesaid in the year 1832. J. S. Leigh Clk