

### **Pension Application for John Baker**

W.23486 (Widow: Mary) Mary Rhodes of Arundel (now Kennebunk Port) and John Baker married about November 30, 1770 and he died August 10, 1820.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

York, SS.

On this thirteenth day of April A.D. 1818, before me the subscriber, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit in said Commonwealth, personally appeared John Baker aged sixty seven years resident in York; who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War:"—

That he the said John Baker in the month of November 1776, enlisted as a private soldier, in the Continental Army for the term of one year, under Capt. Samuel Derby in the Regt commanded by Col. Prescott of the Massachusetts Line that he continued to do his duty in said Comp'y & Regt in the various places in which they were stationed, until the above named term of one year expired, when he was honorably discharged at the Heights above Peek's Hill in the State of New York but has lost his discharge.

And in proof of the foregoing Declaration made by the said John Baker, Jeremiah Werner, Joseph Holton and David Cain, three creditable witnesses personally appear, and being by me first duly sworn according to law.

They upon their oath do say, that the said John Baker did serve in the Continental Army for the full term of twelve months as he has testified – that they all served in the same Company & Regiment with him to the whole time & know that he did his duty and a good soldier & was honorably discharged at the expiration of the term for which he had enlisted.

That he is reduced in circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Benja Green. Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit.