

Pension Application for Jonathan Baker

R.423

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this 14th Day of May 1834 personally appeared before Henry Wynkoof one of the Judges of the County Court of said County Jonathan Baker a Resident of the Town of Shendaken in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged 82 years and being first Duly Sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he; entered the Service of the United States and served as herein after stated.

In the summer of 1776 as near as he can now ascertain or recollect he Resided in the town of Lanesborough County of Berkshire & State of Massachusetts and enlisted or Volunteered in the Service of the United States under one Captain Lacy for the term of 5 months at the time he enlisted the company was officered by Captain Lacy as Captain one Reynolds as 1st Lieutenant and Watson as Second Lieutenant among the noncommissioned officers was a Sergeant—Sergeant Wells Sergeant Woodbury and a Corporal by the name of Weaning the Company at the time he volunteered or enlisted was on its march from Newtown in the State of Connecticut to the Vicinity of Lake Champlain after this Declarant joined the company it marched to Bennington in Vermont – and from thence to Shaftsbury or through Allenton to Skeensborough where they made a halt of about one week after which they marched to Fort Ann where they remained about one month when they were ordered back to Skeensborough and from thence embarked on board of Bateaux for one Mount Independence at which place they first joined the Regiment or was placed under the command of Col. Sumner where they Continued During the remainder of the term for which this Declarant originally enlisted the full term of five months for which he volunteered or enlisted having expired all of which he this Declarant faithfully Served he Received a Verbal Discharge or returned to his place of Residence in Lanesborough where he continued to reside until after the plundering of New Haven in 1779

Shortly after Receiving the news of that affair he again Volunteered his Services for the term of three months under one Captain Newel and Immediately [immediately] marched for New Haven where the Company was Stationed to guard the place or Continued there until the expiration of the three months for which he volunteered During all which time this Deponent was in the Service of the United States in said Company or under the Command of the aforesaid Captain Newel this Deponent further says that he Does not now Recollect that the Company to Recollect of ever Seeing the Colonel During this period of three months the company was Divided into vilages [villages] and were quartered in private houses—one Weed was the orderly Sergeant at this time in both the before mentioned tours of service this Deponent was a private soldier.

He was born in the town of Frederickston County of Dutchess (now Carmel County of Putnam) in the year 1752 but has no record of his age—When he first entered the Service of the United Sates he Resided in the Town of Lanesborough, County of Berkshire or State of Massachusetts where he continued to Reside for several years after the Close of the Revolutionary War or from that place removed to Westchester County State of New York after which he removed into Fishkill Dutchess County where he resided for several years and from Fish Kill he removed into the town of Middletown County of Delaware where he Continued to Reside until the spring of 1829 when he removed into Shendaken County of Ulster & State of New York where he still Resides.

He was a volunteer or enlisted in both tours of service he was not personally acquainted with any of the officers of the Regular Continental army that he now Recollects he never Received a Written Discharge or Commission he has no Documentary or other written evidence to prove any part of his Services as herein Set forth neither Does he now know of any person Living by whom he can prove his Services as herein Stated or any part thereof the 8 months service as before set forth this Deponent performed in person but in addition to the Services performed personally by him he lived a Substitute for the term of 7 months but for the 8 months personal service he claims a pension.

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.
(Signed) Jonathan Baker

Sworn & Subscribed the Day or year aforesaid. Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Ulster.