

Pension Application for Joshua Baker

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B.L.Wt.26245-160-55

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

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On this 30th day of August personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting, Joshua Baker a resident of Colesville in the County of Broome and State of New York, aged sixty nine 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the month of May 1781 for nine months in Capt. Daniel Williams company (of New Rochelle) was mustered at Frederickstown Dutchess County N. York and marched to Bedford Westchester County, then to Dobbs Ferry where he joined Col. Sheldon & Lieut. Col. Jamisons Regt of Infantry—he remained here a short time and was transferred to Col. Scammer's Regt. who were laying at Dobb's ferry and in the vicinity of Tarrytown until August when the Army at White Plains under the command of Washington moved south as claimant believes towards Yorktown—the company in which he was, then marched to Pines Bridge where he remained until he had served out the full period of his enlistment or service and was dismissed—this service was in the New York Militia, or rangers and his service was principally on scouting parties and guarding the lines, he further states that no written discharges were given to his knowledge.

The Applicant further declares that he was born at Frederickstown Dutchess County NY on the 26th day of November 1762 but he has ;no other record or minutes of his age than such as is contained in the family Bible- that after the war he continued to reside in Frederickstown about ten years in Woodstock, Greene County N. York, nineteen years then removed to Colesville (then Windsor) Broome County N.Y. where he now resides—The applicant has not any witness (within his knowledge) of his said services excepting Judah Baker whose affidavit is herewith exhibited.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Joshua Baker

B. Marvin Clerk

Letter in folder dated May 24, 1939 written in reply to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Joshua Baker, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension and County land based upon the military services of Joshua Baker in that war.

Joshus Baker was born November 26, 1762, in Frederickstown, Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Frederickstown, New York, Joshua Baker enlisted in May 1781 and served as a private in Captain Daniel Williams' New York company and in Colonels Sheldon's and Scammell's Regiments, length of service nine months.

About ten years after the Revolution, he moved from Frederickstwon, New York, to Woodstock, Greene County, New York, nineteen years later he moved to Windsor, that part which was later called Colesville, Broome County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 30, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Colesville, New York.

April 6, 1855, Joshua Baker applied for bounty land, at which time he was living in Colesville, New York. He was allowed on hundred acres of bounty land, on; account of his services in the Revolutionary War, on warrant No. 2+245, under the Act of March 3, 1855.

Joshua Baker died July 27, 1856, place not given.

In 1832 Judah Baker, a cousin of soldier was of Tompkins County, New York, he age not shown. There are no further family data.