

Pension Application for Morris Baker

S.12057

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this twenty fourth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and for the County of Dutchess now sitting Morris Baker a resident of the town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aged sixty eight 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 he was born in Phillipsburgh as it was then called in the County of Westchester and State of New York in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty four that he has no record of his age, that the Family bible of his Father, in which it was contained was taken away by his sister to the Western part of the State of New York that he was living in Phillipsburgh in the County of Westchester and State of New York when he entered service and lived since the Revolutionary War in the Town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess and State aforesaid and still resides there, that in the month of May or June in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven he volunteered in the service of the United States and enlisted as a fifer in a company of Rangers under the command of Captain Gilbert Dean belonging to Colonel Philip VanCortland's Regiment of the New York Line, that Jesse Baker this applicant's brother was first Lieutenant Gabriel Reqnaw Second Lieutenant and John Tice orderly sergeant of said company that when he enlisted in said Company it laid at Tarrytown, that while he remained in said company the principal duties of the soldier was to guard the lines in the County of Westchester and to act as scouting parties, and to protect the inhabitants against the incursions of the [?] or Cow Boys and small parties of the British. That he remained in said company as a fifer until the latter part of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty, that he then received a verbal discharge from his captain which is the only one he ever received, that John Paulding, Isaac VanWart and David Williams belonged to his company previous and at the time of the capture of Major Andre, that he knew in the service in the Virginia troops especially many officers to wit, Col. Milan, Lieut Col. White, Captain Glenn Kell, Lieut Mose, that he also knew Colonel Weisenfelt of the N. Your Troops and Colonel Willet & Col. Sheldon, Regiment of horse, that Captain [?] company belonged as he believes but of which he is not positive to General Lee's Brigade that he has no documentary evidence of his service that he is acquainted with John Griffin, Nathan Blavett, Thomas Coanes, Abel Evans, James Delong, Rueben Pearce, Thomas Machin, Robert B. Nixon in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and a belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution—

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) Morris Baker.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Henry J. Fraser, Clerk