

Pension Application for Paul Baker

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State of New York
Monroe County SS

On this fifth day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the County of Monroe now sitting Paul Baker a resident of the town of Gates in the said County of Monroe and State of New York aged seventy three years on the 2d day of May 1832 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 the month of December 1776, and as this Deponent believes on the first day of December he enlisted as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain Ames Rathbone, Lieutenant James Hubbard, Col. Simon's regiment, for the term of three months at the town of Pittsfield in the State of Massachusetts in which town this Deponent then resided.

That on the 18th day of the said month of December he marched with; his company for New York; they marched as far as the town of West Stockbridge and there counter orders came to march to Albany, where they immediately marched and arrived there on the 22d day of December. That they left Albany the day after Christmas, and marched to Fort Edward on the Hudson River and lay there two days; then; marched to fort Ann; and then to Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain.

That there were there about 100 regular troops, chiefly invalids who had been left there by the army. Genl Wayne had the command he also knew there Capt Craig who had a quarrel with a soldier and knocked him down.

That the troops lay there and kept the fort until the 18th day of March 1777 when the company of Capt Rathbone, and other militia were all publicly discharged by the orders of the Colonel. They marched down on to the ice and were there discharged. No written discharge was given to any one that Deponent knew of. Immediately after his discharge he returned home to Pittsfield. The reason of his enlistment was as follows: Orders came to draft a certain number of militia; the company was called together, and on a motion of the captain for them to enlist, this Deponent and some others, accordingly did enlist.

In the month of June 1778 this deponent again enlisted for six months at Pittsfield aforesaid in Capt. Porters Company (thinks his given name was Peter) Lieut. Foster. There was no Colonel at the time but were told that on joining the army they would have a Colonel. He enlisted under these circumstances; orders came to raise one hundred men in the country of Berkshire, in which county Pittsfield lay; the company in Pittsfield was called together and the number required for the proportion of that town, enlisted.

That on the first day of July the company marched from Pittsfield for Albany on the Hudson river, and arrived in two days after leaving Pittsfield. That at the time they

left Pittsfield they expected to go to Fort Stanwix near the head of the Mohawk River; but on arriving at Albany they were ordered to keep guard at that place and did so until the first or second day of November when the whole company was discharged.

That while at Albany they were under the command of Genl Stark (or Starkweather and which was the name this deponent can not remember). That they were discharged as follows Genl Stark (or Starkweather) was sent for from New York and by his order Capt. Porter's company, together with Capt. Pomeroy's was discharged. They marched to the ferry, crossed over the river, and paraded on the opposite band and were there discharged by the Capt. He received no written or other discharge. He then returned home to Pittsfield.

He says that at Albany he knew no continental troops that none were there, except those who were marching through the place. He never served with any continental troops, nor knew any of their officers than is above stated; and that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can testify to his service.

This deponent was born May 2d 1759 at Northhapeton Massachusetts. He has a record of his age, made in his bible when about 19 years of age. He moved from Pittsfield to New Canan [Canaan] in Massachusetts in 1785. In June of the same year he ;moved to Curry's Bush near Schenectady in the State of New York and lived there two years; then moved to Ballston Saratoga County; and lived there till 1823; then moved to Milton in the same county and lived there till 1830 and then moved to Gates, Monroe County where he now lives.

He can and does refer to Samuel Hart, Elisha Turner, Calvin G. Hill, Esqr., Luther Hill, Elliott Bartlett Jr., Rev'd William A. Seranton, Jonah Bartlett, and Rololphus VanBuren to when this deponent is well known in his neighborhood, and who can testify to his character for truth and veracity, and their belief of this deponents services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He herby 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) Paul Baker

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. Cutler, Dep. Clerk.