

Pension Application for Peter (Petrus) Baker

R.434 (Widow: Rachel) Married Nov. 26, 1780 by Edler Wait. Peter was born in 1753, he died May 17, 1801, at Saratoga NY.

State of Vermont

Franklin County SS.

On this 28th day of March AD 1850 personally appeared before me Joseph Bowlish a Justice of the Peace within and for the county of Franklin and State of Vermont, Rachel Baker aged ninety three years and upwards a resident of the aforesaid County and State, in Fairfield who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions or the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4th AD 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3rd AD 1837 entitled an act granting half pay and pension to certain widows and of the provisions of subsequent acts for like purposes.

That she is the widow of Peter or Petrus Baker who was a Lieutenant in the War of the Revolution: that he resided at or near Fishkill about the time of the commencement of the War of the Revolution:--

After the war at Newtown and Saratoga, New York; that he was born in the year 1753 and probably at Poughkeepsie New York. Died May 17th 1801 at Saratoga New York; that she believes he entered service first at Cambridge New York for three years; that he entered the service at several different times, and served out each enlistment; that he served through most of the Revolutionary War.

That she knew him to hold a furlough at the time of her marriage to him; that she cannot recollect all his company and superior officers; that she believed he served under a Captain Ball, also that he served under Col. VanSchock, as some of the officers under whom he did serve, and that he served in the New York Continental Line; the length of the enlistments or terms of service she cannot well recollect, but believes some of them to be three years or more long; believes he served as Lieutenant for several years of his services; believes he entered the service once at Mapletown New York; that he once held some papers relating to his services, but knows not what end came to the; that being ninety three years of age last July, she cannot recollect many particulars of his services; that she was married at Malooms –Schaick New York, by Rev'd Elder Wait of that place Nov'r 26th 1780; that she has never married since the death of her said husband, but continued to be his widow; ;that she has never drawn a pension; that she was not married to her said husband prior to his leaving the service the first time, but that the marriage took place prior to the 1st of January 1794, namely at the time stated above; that he served one campaign after she was married, during her pregnancy, which was according to the best of her recollection, in the year 1782. (Signed with her mark) Rachel Baker

In presence of Joseph Bowdish, Terentia Risdown

Sworn to, and subscribed on the day and year first above mentioned before me. Joseph Bowdish Just. Peace.