

Pension Application for Peter Baker

S.39178

I Peter Baker of Mountholly in the County of Rutland & State of Vermont of the age of sixty two years, being duly sworn, do declare depose & say that in December 1775 at Littleton in Massachusetts, I enlisted into Capt Saml Gilbert's Company, Col. Prescott's Regt of Massachusetts line to serve for one year, that I immediately joined my company at Cambridge where we remained until the British Army evacuated Boston, when we followed them to New York—that we went into winter quarters in the Highland in New York I believe about three miles north of West Point.

I further say that whilst in said winter quarters, about a month before my term of service expired, I again enlisted into Capt. Saml Derby's Company in Col. John Bailey's Regiment being the 2d Regt Massachusetts line, to serve for three years—that I served in said Company & Regiment the full term of enlistment except nine days which was allowed me to return home.

When I was discharged at West Point—I have lost my discharge, not considering it of any value—I was at the battle of Monmouth & at the taking of Burgoine—

I further say that I am a resident citizen of the U. States—that I have resided in Mountholly aforesaid about five months—that I am poor—and from my reduced circumstances in life I am in need of assistance from my country for support—and further say not. (Signed) Peter Baker

Subscribed & sworn this 6th day of April 1818 before me. Thos Hammond Asst Judge of Rutland County Court.