

Pension Application for Reuben Baker

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Worcester SS.

On this sixth day of September AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before Nath. Paine Judge of the Probate Court in the County of Worcester now sitting Reuben Baker, a resident of Leominster in said County & State aged seventy six year 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 Sates under the following named officers, & served as herein stated.

In 1775 he resided in Shewsbury in said County & in the month of April of that year a few Days after the battle of Lexington in said state & went to went to Cambridge Mass & there enlisted into a company of Militia of which Job Cushing was Captain & Asa Rice & Ezra Beaman were Lieutenants, of Col Wand's Regiment of the Massachusetts State troops.

That he enlisted for eight months & served that time & was discharged at Dorchester near Boston.

That he was in the battle of Bunker Hill in June 1775 & served that day in Capt Gridley's Company of Artillery but after some days service in said Company he returned to Capt. Cushing's Company served in the same during the rest of his enlistment aforesaid—that he received no written discharge at the end of said enlistment—that he entered said service as a volunteer & at the time he entered the service he resided in Shrewsbury in said County of Worcester--& that he left the service in the month of December 1775.

That in the year 1776 he resided in Shrewsbury & there enlisted in June & marched the first day of July of that year for New York—in a company commanded by one Capt Smith & one of the Lieutenants of said company was Inglesby—of Col. Smith's Regiment—the other company & field officers the applicant does not recollect—that he marched in said company to Hartford, thence to New Haven in Connecticut, & thence took shipping & early in July arrived in the City of New York—that he was compelled to retreat from the vicinity of New York in Aug. or Sept 1776 having after a week of residence in the City, been stationed at Harlaem Heights—near said City—

That he enlisted for five months –served that length of time & was discharged at a place not now recollected, about 12 miles from New York City & north of White Plains—that he was a volunteer—that his company was fired upon by the British shipping on their retreat from New York, when two men were wounded by swivel balls from the round top.

That he was wounded in the calf of his leg at the battle of Bunker Hill—that he does not recollect any Continental regiments or officers with whom he served.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service, that he was born in Strewsbury Feb 8th 1756—that he has no record of his age except one made in his Bible & copied form a record made by his father—that at the time of said enlistments he

resided in said Shrewsbury—that he removed to Fitchburg & lived one year—then lived in Lunenburg for 29 or 30 years & now resides in Leominster—said towns being all in said County of Worcester.

That he was always a volunteer in his enlistments—that he cannot recollect more than he has stated as to regiments & officers with whom he served—that he never received any discharge.

That as he resided in a town where he is little known, he does not know of any one in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character or services.

That Abraham Townsend of Berlin in the state of Vermont knows of his service for the eight months above stated—

That David Wood—Zephaniah Wood & Alexander Graham of said Lunenburg are acquainted with his character for truth—that Daniel Maynard of Shrewsbury aforesaid knows that he is reputed to have served as aforesaid.

That [he] hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Reuben baker

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year before Nath. Paine, Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester.