

Pension Application for Samuel Baker

S.9271

Conn, New York

War of 1812

State of New York

Steuben County SS.

On this [sixteenth—crossed out] day of [October crossed out and June written above] AD 1841, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Steuben now sitting Samuel Baker a resident of the Town of Cameron in the said [county] of Steuben and State of New York aged [sixty crossed out and seventy written above] eight years and upwards 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the year 1780 and according to the best of his recollection in the month of February he enlisted in a company of the Connecticut State troops commanded by a Capt. Couch whose Christian name he thinks was Ebenezer, that said company belonged to a regiment commanded by A col. Canfield—That said enlistment was for the term of one year and that he resided at the time in Frederickstown, Dutchess County, New York, and that he enlisted in Ridgebury Connecticut the Town adjoining Frederickstown which was bounded by the Connecticut line.

That the company of Militia in the said town of Ridgebury was to furnish some recruits to fill up the companies of State troops and that the applicant was hired by said Militia Company as one of said recruits from the said term of one year.

That he joined the said company at what was called Waterbury Fort near Stamford Connecticut—That he was stationed at said fort near six months and was employed a part of the time in finishing the garrison and part of the time in scouting through the country bordering on the Long Sialdn Sound for the purpose of keeping quite the tories who were very numerous there—That from Fort Waterbury he went with said company to Stamford where he remained between one and two months employed in guarding the country about Stamford—That while the company was at Stamford he volunteered amongst others under a Capt. Lockard who commanded some gun boats, to go over to Long Island, for the purpose of seizing some goods then in the hands of the tories on the Island—That they succeeded in seizing said goods and got them safe home—That from Stamford they went to Horseneck meeting house where they remained a month or two and after that period they were employed in guarding the country and were stationed at various places on the sound until the expiration of the said term of one year.

That after his time was over he was discharged but did not receive a written one and immediately thereafter he entered the service in a company commanded by a Capt. Bates for the term of three years—that he went into the company at Stamford Connecticut and was hired by a Militia Company at New Milford under similar circumstances with his previous entry into the service for the company at Ridgebury—That he remained with said company at Stamford until spring when they went to Horseneck and staid a short time and then went to the head of what was called North Street and finally returned to Stamford the last of April or first of May when he received a furlough for a short time and went home to his father's—that his father was dissatisfied with him for having entered into the three years service and was anxious he should leave it—That by the influence of his father he procured a young man whose name was James Merrick who had a brother in Capt. Bates Company to take the applicant's place in said Bates Company and the Applicant took said Merrick's place in the fourth New York Regiment—That Captain Bates accepted of said Merrick in the applicant's place and gave him a written discharge which was burnt up about fifty six years since when his father's house was burnt—

That said Merrick at the time he took the applicant's place in said Bathes Company had never joined the New York Regiment but was on his road to join said regiment for the term of nine months when said agreement was made and the applicant went immediately into said New York Regiment commanded by a Colonel Wisenfelt in a company commanded by Capt. Whose name applicants things Thomas Hunt with a Lieutenant Tuttle.

That said Regiment then lay at Bedford Westchester County, New York and the applicant had previously when not in service resided with his father at Frederick's town Dutchess County New York.

That the company commanded by said Hunt was not with the regiment during th summer and fall—that said regiment lay on the Mohawk during the most of that time and that said Hunt's Company was employed during that time in the County of Westchester patrolling through it and protecting its inhabitants from the depredations of the tories and parties of British troops who were in the habit of coming up the river and attacking any unguarded part of the County they were with—That at the expiration of the said term of nine months he was dismissed from the said service—that he did not receive a written discharge—That he immediately returned to his father's at Frederick's Town aforesaid.

That in the spring of the year 1782 his father furnished him with a horse and he equipped himself and he thinks in the forepart of April 1782 he enlisted in a company of Cavalry commanded by a Captain Clark of the regiment commanded by a Col. Samuel Delavan of the New York volunteers (so called). That he joined said company at [Amawak?] Westchester County—That said regiment was stationed at Pine's Bridge about six months, and then at North Castle in County of Westchester for a month or two, then at Crompond in said county a short time and from there into Croton Bridge a short time and was stationed at various places in the Counties of Westchester and Dutchess in the State of New York and tin the edge of Connecticut during the remainder of the year—that they were employed during the whole of that time in protecting said places from the British troops and tories. That in the month of January of year 1783, he was engaged in a skirmish with a party of tories at Kingstreet and was wounded in the thigh by a musket ball and his horse was killed under him—that after receiving said wound he was confined from the effects thereof six weeks or two months and after he recovered he rejoined the said Regiment and continued in the service until about the first of May 1783 when he was discharged from said regiment and the same was disbanded—

That he did not receive a written discharge. That the applicant is not now able on [?] failure of [?]

That he was born in Frederickstown, Dutchess County New York the 25th July 1764 – he has no record of his age and knows the same only from his recollection of the information given to him by his parents—That after the close of the war he continued to live with his father at Frederickstown aforesaid about four years when he removed to Sheshequin, Luzerne County Pennsylvania where he resided eighteen or nineteen years and thence removed to Howard Steuben County New York where he lived about eleven years and from thence to Cameron in the same county where he now resides and where he has resided ever since his removal from Howard aforesaid.

That in his present neighborhood he is known to Joseph Loghey, Isaac Santee, Jonathan Ketcham, Jerathbell Powers, Joseph Wood & others who can testify as to his character for veracity and their 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.

And he further saith that he has not been able after diligent search to find any other evidence of his said service than is contained in the affidavits to this declaration annexed. (Signed) Samuel Baker

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. M. S. Ramsey, Dep. Clerk, Steuben County.

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On this 23d day of November AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and State aforesaid Samuel Baker aged eighty six years a resident of the Town of Cameron, Steuben County New York who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Samuel Baker who was an orderly sergeant in the company commanded by Capt. James Dyke in Colonel Hopkins regiment of New York volunteers in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18th day of June 1812—That he volunteered at Bath Steuben County New York on or about the fifteenth day of September AD 1812 for the term of three months and continued in actual service ins aid war for the term of a few days over three months and was honorably discharged at Lewiston, New York in the latter part of December 1812 and reached home on New Year's Day 1813—That he received a written discharge which he kept for a long time amongst his papers, but upon a search for the same lately has been unable to find the said & is not able to tell where the same now is but he thinks his said service will appear by the muster rolls of said company.

And for the purpose aforesaid he further declares that he is the identical Samuel Baker who was an orderly sergeant in the company commanded by Captain Crouch in Colonel Hopkins' regiment of New York Volunteers in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18th day of June 1812.

That he volunteered in the Town of Howard Steuben County New York on or about the first day of September AD 1814, for the term of three months, that he continued in actual service under such volunteering until the sortie at Fort Erie at which time he was taken prisoner by the British troops and was taken from thence to Halifax, where he arrived on Christmas Day 1814, that he was kept and detained there as a prisoner until the latter part of June AD 1815, when he was discharged and returned home.--

That he did not receive any discharge from the service in such last mentioned term but thinks a portion of such service will appear from the muster rolls of said company.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the "act granting county land to certain officers & soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States passed September 28th 1850. (Signed) Samuel Baker

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year above written and I hereby certify that I believe the said Samuel Baker to be the identical man who served as aforesaid and that he is of the age above state. A. D. Read, Justice of the Peace.

Letter in file dated August 2, 1938, written in reply to an inquiry for information.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of two soldiers with the name Samuel Baker, one born in Frederickstown, New York, and died in 1852 in Steuben County, New York, the other born in 1763, in Connecticut, and died in 1842 in said Steuben County, New York.

A search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and there is no claim for pension on file based upon service of the Samuel Baker 1763-1842. The record of the other Samuel Baker has been bound; that data which follow are shown in the papers on file in his claim for pension, S.9271, based upon his service in that war.

Samuel Baker was born July 25, 1764 in Frederickstown, Dutchess County, New York; he lived there with his father at the time of the Revolutionary War. The names of his parents are not shown.

He enlisted in February 1780, in Ridgebury, Connecticut, (a town adjoining Frederickstown, near the State line), and served one year as private in Captain Ebenezer Couch's company, Colonel Samuel Canfield's Connecticut regiment, during which he was stationed principally in the vicinity of Waterbury and Stamford, Connecticut; he reenlisted immediately for three years in Captain Bates' Connecticut company, served until sometime in April 1781, when he went home on a furlough to Frederickstown, New York, and while there, because the dissatisfaction of his father, procured a substitute to serve in Captain Bates' company. Samuel Baker enlisted then about May 1781, served nine months as private in

Captain Thomas Hunt's company, Colonel Weisenfels' New York regiment, engaged in the Mohawk Valley protecting the inhabitants of New York State. He enlisted in April 1782, served in Captain Clark's company, Colonel Samuel Delavan's mounted regiment, was in a skirmish with a party of Tories in January 1782, in Kingstreet, in which he was severely wounded in his thigh, on account of which he was confined about two months, rejoined his regiment and continued until May 1783, when he was discharged.

Samuel Baker returned to his father's home in Frederickstown, New York, after his service and remained about four years, when moved to "Sheshequin, Luzerne County", Pennsylvania, and resided eighteen or nineteen years, moved thence to Howard, Steuben County, New York, and resided about eleven years, and moved from there to Cameron, in said Steuben County.

While a resident of Howard, Steuben County, New York, Samuel Baker enlisted and served under Captain James Dike and Captain John Martin in the New York militia in the War of 1812.

Samuel Baker applied in June 1841, for a pension on account of his service in the Revolutionary War in June 1841, at which time he resided in Cameron, Steuben County, New York. The claim was allowed. The soldier resided in Cameron, New York until his death on March 28, 1852.

The name of the wife of Samuel Baker, the date and place of their marriage and the date of her death are not show; she did not survive him. The names of the only surviving children of this soldier are given as follow: Daniel Baker, Urbane Baker, Laura Dean, Eveline Miles, and Cyntha (Cynthia) McDuffee. In 1855, said Laura Dean was a resident of Cameron, New York.

Samuel Baker was allowed 160 acres of bounty land on warrant #7219, under the Act of September 28, 1850, on account of his service in the War of 1812.

In 1847, Judah Baker, the soldier's brother was a resident of Enfield, Tompkins County, New York; he stated then that he was aged eighty-three years, and that he lived at home in Frederickstown when Samuel served in the Revolutionary War.

If you desire information in regard to the location of the land which Samuel Baker received, you should address the Commissioner, General Land Office, this city, and city the following: Bounty Land Warrant #7219-160 acres, Act of 1850.