

Pension Application for Thomas Baker

S.12097

State of New York

Oswego County SS.

On this 24th day of September AD 1832 personally appeared before Lowell Johnson, Samuel Freeman & John Reynolds Esquires Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Thomas Baker a resident of the Town of Sandy Creek (formerly Richland) in the County of Oswego, and State of New York aged eighty one years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

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

That he enlisted as a minute man thinks in the latter part of November 1774 is positive it was as early as the first of December 1774 cannot recollect the day of the month—into a militia company commanded by Captain Hugh McLellan, William Stewart & Abraham Pennell first [First] & Second Lieutenants (does not recollect the ensigns name) nor the names of the officers of the Regiment and at the time of said Enlistment he resided in the Town of Colrain [Colerain?] County of Hampshire & State of Massachusetts and after said Enlistment held himself in readiness to march when called and on the 21st or 22^d day of April following that is in 1775 he was ordered out & marched directly from Colrain across the Connecticut River direct road through Deerfield Rutland Pelham &c to the Town of Old Cambridge in the State of Massachusetts and was immediately (in the same month) enrolled in Captain Robert Olivers Company, Thomas Grover & James Davis first & second Lieutenant & Abraham Pennell Ensign in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ephraim Doolittle Lieutenant Colonel—Holden Major—Moore (who was killed at Bunkershill Battle) continued here until within two or three days of Bunkerhill Battle when he removed with the body of the Regiment about one mile directly on towards Charlestown and there remained until the 17th day of June when he was ordered and marched to the field of Battle and was in; and served through the Battle of that day called the Bunkerhill Battle –immediately after the Battle he marched to Winterhill and remained there until the first day of January of the next year (1776) at which time he was discharged and continued without any intermission in actual service in the same company under the same captain but does not recollect the other officers in the company nor the Regiment and within ten or fifteen days from that time enlisted again under the same captain for one month and continued on the same ground in the same company until the very last day of February 1776 when he was dismissed from the army and came directly home to Colrain aforesaid continued there until about the last days of June or first of July 1776 then enlisted into the Militia in the said Town of Colrain into Captain ?Timothy Childs Company Colonel Woodbridges Regiment & Brackett's Brigade for 5 months and marched directly through the Towns of Greenfield & North field across the Connecticut River and through the Southwest Corner of New Hampshire to Charleston their number four then drew five days provisions and thence directly to Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain and there

continued until the first day of December 1776 under the same Captain first Lieutenant—Gates Second Lieutenant—Camp James Pennell Ensign don't recollect the name of the Colonel [Colonel] of the Regiment [Regiment] was under the command of General Gates at which time he was discharged from the Army and never again entered the same and that he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure that can testify as to his services but Abner Carswell of Salem Washington County in the State whose affidavit is heretowith attached.

1st That he was born in the Town of Exeter (does not recollect the County) State of Rhodeisland [Rhode Island] on the 29th day of October 1751 as he has been enformed [informed] by his parents and has

2. repeatedly seen in the Family record in the Family Bible and has seen it in the Town Record of Exeter aforesaid.

3. That at the time of his first Enlistment or when first called into Service he resided in Colrain aforesaid and since the Revolutionary War he has resided in the Town of Salem Washington county & State of New York and continued there until 1816 when he removed to the Town of Richland then County of Oneida now Oswego & now Town of Sandy Creek.

4. That in all the afore mentioned services he volunteered.

5. That Gen. Washington was in command about Boston in the month of July 1775 at which period he repeatedly saw him also General Lee was in active command during the same period about the same place also Col. Starks who was subsequently advanced to General also Colonel Poor also Colonel Reed who he believes was advanced to General the next year also Major Schammell were in active command during the same period does not think he can correctly state particularly any Continental or Militia Regiment but his own—and he was in Bunkerhill Battle as aforesaid and was near to Major Moore when he received a mortal wound with which he died on the field of said Battle. That while at Ticonderoga he was in no Battle that he recollects that Captain Waterbury's fleet was taken by the British and he taken prisoner and General Arnold was said to have made his escape.

6. That he received as near as he can recollect [recollect] but one written discharge which was given by Colonel Barrett and has since lost it with many other writings he thinks would have been material in Coroberating [Corroborating] the above statements.

7. That Simon Meacham Esquire one of the late Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County the Rev. Dr. Birge, Allen McLean, William Wilder, William L. Thompson, Colonel Thomas, S. Meacham all of The Town of Sandy Creek aforesaid, are persons to whom he is well known and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution & That 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 whatever.

(Signed) Thomas Baker

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. D. E. McPherson, Dep Clk of Oswego Com. Pleas.