

Pension Application for Timothy Baker

W.629 (Widow: Philena Nash) Timothy died at Livonia NY the 9th of February 1843. Four children survived, Orange P. Baker, Shelby Baker, Luvina Kenedy, Philena E. Granes.

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Mass., and New York

State of New York

Livingston County

On this 28th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the County Courts of Livingston County in the State of New York now sitting Timothy Baker a resident of the Town of Livingston in the County of Livingston of the State of New York aged 73 years 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 States under the following named officers and served as herein sated.

That he enlisted in the year 1776 in the month of March into a company of which Obadiah Vaughn was Lieutenant who was a recruiting officer—Lived at the time he enlisted in the town of Hancock in the State of Massachusetts—repaired to Albany in the State of New York where he joined his company commanded by Captain Sanford who lived at Albany when the company was mustered from thence to Fort George staying only one night at each place from thence by water to Ticonderoga—staid there about a week—then back to Lake George landing at the foot of the lake where they continued during the summer of 1776 in guarding and forwarding provisions from Lake George landing to the landing on the river below the rapids in the outlet of the lake.

That towards the latter part of the summer or forepart of the month of September perhaps later can't recollect precisely the enemy beginning to infest the country and they were ordered to Skenesborough on Lake Champlain continued there some 4 or 6 weeks forwarding provisions down the lake to the army of the north which was stationed down the lake while at Skenesborough the company joined the regiment for the first time since he enlisted commanded as he believes by Colo. Windcoop's Regiment.

After Gen'l Arnold's defeat on the Lake they were ordered to Ft. Ticonderoga—staid there a short time and went back to Skenesborough where he continued until he received he received [sic] a furlough on account of sickness which was in December say the 20 or 25 a few days before the time for which he enlisted (to wit) 10 months expired & continued sick during the winter and in the spring of 1777 went to Albany and took his discharge for the ten months and considering it of no consequence have lost it.

That in the month of June say the 20th or 25th some ten or 15 days previous the erections of the Ft. Ticonderoga by the Americans under Gen'l St. Clair there was a call of the militia and he with others enlisted out of the militia company commanded by Capt. William Douglass of Hancock aforesaid—Lieut William Smith commanded that part of the company which enlisted or volunteered. March'd to Bennington to Pawlet and then to Skenesborough—and then to Ticonderoga where they staid but a day or two before the fort was evacuated and they went back to Skenesborough—where they were closely pursued by the enemy and proceeded into Vermont down to Pawlet where Colo. Warren's regiment repaired to whose regiment they were attached—staid there about a month and from thence to Manchester and during Bennington Battle had the [?] and after the battle was taken to guard and take tories and their property and take the same to some place of safety—and was employed in the said service the remainder of that season and fall so that the service rendered this season was five months—returned some time in November.

That in the spring of the year 1779 his father moved into Granville (near Skeenesborough) in New York directly upon the lines were annoyed by scouting parties and frequently had to go out in scouting parties during the season.

That in the year 1779 that he enlisted for three months under Cpatian Levi Stockwell, Lieut Boggs and Ensign Bundridge to keep a garrison at Skeeries' Stone house at Skeenesborough landing—enlisted in the month of December and was discharged in March he thinks—at any rate it was a few days before the garrison was surprised and taken by Canadians and Indians and Tories—then turned out in the alarm occasioned by the officers a[t] Skeenesborough was immediately to Skeenesborough and took care of wounded and the next day two went under Captain Cook to Pawlet from thence to Mt. Independence where their were about 300 collected then as at Skeenesborough there was no garrison and nothing between them & the enemy the militia was divided into squad, each to take his tour in scouting and guarding which was his employment during the remainder of the season & up till late in the fall one third of the time at least one quarter continual at arms.

That in the year 1781 he thinks the year that Fort Ann was taken by the Indians and Tories a garrison of about 60 men, perhaps more can't recollect—upon which was an alarm he turned out upon a scout of discovery the inhabitants all left all & cleared into Vermont and kept a garrison about 3 or 4 months—Fort George was taken and a number of the garrison massacred among the rest a Lieutenant who had been a recruiting officer previous in Granville by the name of McLowrie. It was said he made a desperate resistance at the time the fort was taken.

He thinks in the year 1782 there was call of all the militia was all called and repaired to Skeenesborough to join the troops that lay at that place and continued there some 5 or 6 weeks – a man by the name of Enos whether Colo or General be don't recollect.

That he was born in Catenberg [Canterbury?] in the state of Connecticut in the year 1759.

Has a record of his age in his Bible.

Lived at Hancock & Granville where he was he was [sic] called into service—as before stated.

Lived after the Revolution in Granville till 1793—then moved to Aurelius in Cayuga County N. York then in 1814 removed to Livonia in Livingston County New York where he now lives.

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 any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid (Signed) Timothy Baker

[C.R. Bond, Clk by S. Haven Deput]