

Pension Application for Absalom Baker

W.16829 (Widow: Rebecca) Rebecca Hines and Absalom Baker married March 16, 1780. Absalom died June 18, 1820. Rebecca died February 5, 1842.

Canandaigua N.Y.

March 22d 1852

The Hon. The Secretary
Of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Sir.

I enclose to you the application of A.A. Baker for search to be made for the Revolutionary service of Absalom Baker and certificate issued from your Office Augt 17, 1848 in conformity therewith. I would respectfully request that further search be made among the Records in your office for the Revolutionary Service of the said Absalom Baker.

I have the affidavits of two witnesses both of whom state, that said Absalom Baker was in the Battle of Bennington in August 1777 and also among the American troops at the time of Bourgoyne's surrender.

As it does not appear from the enclosed certificate that said Baker was in the service at either of the above mentioned periods, and as there is reason to believe that he served for a much longer time then is set forth in said certificate having parol evidence to that effect.

I am in hopes that some Record evidence of the fact is in existence in your Office and can be found.

I therefore make this application to have a further search made for the Service of Absalom Baker.

If no further evidence of service is found please return the enclosed application and certificate. Very Respectfully, Your Obt. Servt John Rankine Jr.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is hereby requested to furnish evidence from the records in his office of the service of my father Absalom Baker in the war of the Revolution.

He was a native of the town of Williamstown County of Berkshire & State of Massachusetts. He entered the service from said town 7 in the early part of the war and marched to Boston where he was stationed. He is supposed to have been an Orderly sergeant and to have been in the Regular Line of Continental Troops.

In the year 1777 he was with the Army in Vermont and was at the Battle of Bennington. The names of his officers are not remembered.

I am now sixty two years of age & my memory does not enable me to state my fathers services more fully.

Witness my hand at Murray N.Y. this 29th day of [?] 1848. Azzan A. Baker.

Signed my presence Asa Clark. Justice of the Peace of Orleans County N. York