

Pension Application for William Banker or Bonker

W.23511 (Widow: Ruth Soule September 3, 1780.) William died August 2, 1839.

State of New York

County of Clinton SS.

I, William Bonker of Peru in the County of Clinton and State of New York do solemnly swear & declare that I was a private in the fourth Regiment of the New York line commanded by Col. Wisenfelt in the company commanded by Captain Fowler in the service of the United States of America on the Continental Establishment, in the war of the revolution. That I enlisted in the army of the United States at Rhinebeck in the State of New York sometime in the month of May in the year of 1777 for the term of three years in the same fourth regiment in the company of Captain Pearce, & was afterwards transferred into the company of Captain Fowler, that I was discharged therefrom in the spring of 1780 after having served the three years at Morristown in the State of New Jersey. That my discharge is lost, and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I am in need of assistance from my country for support. (Signed with his mark) William Bonkers

I Caleb Nichols, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Clinton & State of New York do certify that on the fourth day of April one thousand eight hundred & eighteen the above named William Bonker to me known made oath before me to the foregoing declaration & statements. Caleb Nichols

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

State of New York, County of Clinton SS.

On this eighteenth day of September 1839, personally appeared before William F. Haile first Judge of said County Ruth Banker a resident of Peru in said county aged seventy four years who begin first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain windows".

That she is the widow of William Banker who was a private in the war of the revolution and served as follows.

In the spring of 1777 he enlisted at Rhinebeck for three years in Captain Pierce's Compy, Col. Livingston's Regt New York Line & continued to serve until he was transferred into Capt. Fowlers Company same regiment until the expiration of his enlistment in the spring of 1780 when he was honorably discharged at Morristown, N. Jersey.

That her said husband was a pensioner under the Act of 1818 & his pension certificate accompanies this declaration.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Banker at Nine Partners, Dutchess Co., New York by the Rev. Mr. Bullis a Baptist minister on the third day of a week in September 1780, her maiden name Ruth Soule, (She cannot state now the day of the month). She has no record of her marriage but has one of the birth of her children in her family bible.

She further says that her said husband William Banker died at his residence in Peru aforesaid on the second day of August 1839.

That she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of previous to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred ninety four. (Signed with her mark) Ruth Banker.

Sworn and Subscribed to before me the day and year first above written and I certify that she is a credible person & cannot write her name having never learned how & that she is unable by reason of bodily infirmity to attend court, being afflicted as she said with an affliction of the liver & resides fifteen miles from the Court House. Wm. F. Haile, First Judge of said County.

William Banker was born February the 9th in the year of our Lord 1755.
Margaret Banker was born June the 11th 3d day of the week 1781.
Thomas Banker born April the 11th in the year of our Lord 1785.
John Banker born August the 7th and first day of the week 1785.
Elizabeth Banker born April the 22d and 3d day of the week 1788.
Benjamin Banker born April the 5th and 3d day of the week 1790.
Martha Banker born May the 6th and 2d day of the week 1791.
Lucretia Banker born April the 24th in the year of our Lord 1793.
Lucretia Banker born December the 21 and 1st day of the week 1795.
Rebeca Banker born April the 17th in the year of our Lord 1798.
Jonathan Banker born August 4th and the 1st day of the week 1800.
Elias Banker born October the 16th and the 6th day of the week 1803.
Huldah Banker born June the 12th and 3d day of the week 1805.