

Pension Application for Frederick Baum

W15835 (Widow: Margaret Duesler)
State of New York
Montgomery County SS.

On this 21 day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County, now sitting Frederick Baum a resident of the Town of Oppenheim, County of Montgomery & State of New York aged about seventy two 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 7, 1832, that he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the Militia of the State of New York under the following named officers & served as herein stated viz. That in or about the first day of April 1778 he the said Frederick Baum entered as a volunteer as a private into the militia of the State aforesaid in the Company whereof Robert McKean (1) was Capt, John Smith Lieutenant & he (he thinks) Solomon Woodard Ensign of said company that the regiment & its officers to which said company that he belonged he does not recollect. He volunteered as aforesaid for nine months. He resided in the Town of Palatine then County of Tryon & in the now County of Montgomery in said State where he volunteered his service as aforesaid. He was marched in the said company from the Town of Palatine to the German Flatts to Fort Dayton where the company was stationed for said nine months, but while in said Fort in part of this company, himself was dispatched in pursuit of some British Indians & Tories that broke into the German Flatts settlement & while also said company was stationed in Fort Dayton a part of the said company about 18 men were sent from said Fort under Ensign Woodward into Oneida & as far as to what is now called Stockbridge—were gone three days & when they returned—he does not know the object of their going to Stockbridge—that while said company was stationed in said fort the Indians & Tories broke into Shallsbush in the now County of Herkimer when Captain McKean & this company marched in pursuit of the Indians & Tories about three days in pursuit & return to the Fort & that he & others of the company to the number of six or eight men was sent to guard three men to Albany which they did & returned, again to the Fort & while in said Fort he did other service not of importance & remained with said company until New Year's day following having served said nine months & then returned home—no state troops were during said nine months at said Fort except a few German Flatts militia whose officers names he does not remember. He was repeatedly out on some scouting parties while in Fort Dayton. That he left said last service on Jan 1 1779 having served nine months.

That about 1st April 1779 he again volunteered as a private in the Militia Company of which Garret Putman (2) was Capt—Isaac Paris son of Isaac Paris who was killed in the Oriskany battle was (as he thinks) Lieutenant and Solomon Woodard was his Ensign—but he cannot distinctly recollect—but believes so & the same [blot] served in the company & acted (he thinks) as such & Lieut & Ensign & to what regiment [blot] belonged he cannot say, recollect the company, whole regiment was not commanded by field officers left Major Andrew Finck (3) & Col or Major Charles Newkirk (4) informed [blot] they were living the said company belong to their Regiment—He resided in Town of Palatine & in the now County of Montgomery, when he volunteered in the last mentioned service, that he volunteered for nine months—that the said company was marched to Fort Dayton where it was stationed [blot] he went in the scouting parties several times—about forty men of said company including some German Flatts militia were dispatched, --his Capt. Putman calling for volunteers, the number aforesaid volunteered from the Fort to go after some Indians & Tories that had broken into the surrounding settlements burning & destroying every thing in their way—they marched about five miles from the Fort & then on their return to the Fort within a mile of the Fort they found in their absence the Indians & Tories had broken in & killed some of the citizens & assisted in removing to the Fort the wounded – the Tories & Indians retreated & fled on the approach of Capt. Putman's men & that he & some others made several trips from said Fort to guard some provisions to Fort Stanwix (6) where he understood Col. Gansevoort (5) commanded, but he did not know him--& did not see him but saw a number of officers at Fort Stanwix whose names he did not hear & know during said last nine months service that Capt. Putman Company & several other companies, towards the end of said nine months service were at Fort Stanwix about six weeks relieving the troops in the Fort Stanwix [blot] just off to the eastward as he understood & only one officer called a major a tall man remained & commanded the troops who had arrived at the Fort & hand the command of the Fort then—Col. Gansevoort with other forces in the Fort when he [blot] in Capt. Putman company & the other companies arrived moved & went off—that Putman company in which said Fred'k Baum was a private stayed about six weeks at Fort Stanwix when some Continental troops (as he then understood) came to the Fort & then Capt. Putman & his company left, the Fort & [blot] after [blot] was dismissed but rec'd no written discharge. That in March or 1st April or thereabouts in the year 1780 the said Frederick Baum again volunteered as a private in the militia of said state in the company whereof Lawrence Gross (7) was Capt. --One Wynne (8) was Lieutenant according to his recollection & Simon Vrooman (9) he thinks was ensign in the said company in the Regt. of Col. Marinus Willett's that he volunteered for nine months & resided there in the Town of Minden & in the now County of Montgomery & then County of Tryon where he so volunteered in the last mentioned company—that the company of Capt. Gros in which said Baum belonged was marched to Fort Plain where Col. Willett Commanded—that the

principal part of said time of nine months & said Baum with the company to which said Baum belonged was stationed in Fort Plain—that Capt. Gros several times while at said Fort sent said Baum with some other men & some friendly Indians on Scouting parties to Springfield a distance of about 10 or 12 miles from said fort—that said Baum was several times selected by Capt. Gros as express from the Fort Plain to Fort Herkimer where there was a major whose name he does not recollect to whom he handed his package of letter & returned to Fort Plain sometimes with letters from Fort Herkimer that said Baum once during said nine months while on express from Fort Plain to Fort Herkimer was pursued by a party of Indians by [blot] he escaped & arrived safe to Fort Herkimer with letters said Baum & was sent on express to Fort Herkimer when Col. Willet had the battle at Turlock (10) which prevented his being engaged in the said battle – that said Baum was while in said last service in Gross Company also engaged in repairing the Fort Plain—that adjutant Fonda (so called) (11) was at Fort Plain & does not remember the other field officers at Fort Plain—that he left the Service in Capt. Gros' Company about 1 Jan 1781 having served nine months in said Capt. Gros' Company. That said Baum when the Battle at Johnstown was had by Col Willett was employed & directed by Capt. Gros to press teams to go after Col. Willett & men to supply them with provisions & that shortly after the Oriskany battle [blot]about 14 Augt 1777, said Baum was called out into service into the Militia company of Henry Diefendorf (12) who had however personally was [blot] on the Oriskany battle – said company of the said Baum entered was commanded by Lieut. Jacob Diefendorf in said Jacob Klock Regt of Militia in that he lived in that new town of Minden in now County of Montgomery & State aforesaid when he entered the company Commanded by Lieut. Jacob Diefendorf—that said Baum was marched about 13 Augt 1777 from Minden in said last mentioned company to Fall Hill near the dwelling house of Genl Herkimer (13) who had been wounded at Oriskany battle of which wounds he died & that he was about six days in said last in said company of which Geo Countryman (14) was the Lieut.—Ensign name not recollected—said Baum having served said six days returned home to Minden being dismissed, but rec'd no discharge—

And said Baum further states that at other times he served in the militia during said war of the revolution under different officers and amounting to [blot] in all, enclosing of aforesaid service but things it unnecessary to give a further or more full statement thereof as he served twenty months besides & before particulars specified & detailed.

That he was born in the Town of Palatine in the then county of Tryon (now said county of Montgomery) & in the year 1760 as he believes but does not exactly know his age—has no record of his age—then where he rendered the services before mentioned he resided in the Town of Palatine & Minden in the County of Montgomery In State of New York as before stated & has since the revolution lived partly in the Town of Minden & partly in the Town of Palatine & now resides in the Town of Oppenheim in said County of Montgomery—that he volunteered into the service for the twenty seven months before mentioned by him, severing nine months at a time & was for the other services called out by his officers—that he cannot further state the general circumstances of his services nor the names of officers & Regts than he has before stated—that he never recd any discharge from service, except one from Capt. Gros when he served in said Capt's Company which is lost—that said Baum is known to his neighbors Marcus Duesler & Henry Flander who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution—

That he has no documentary evidence of his services—He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state—that no clergyman resides in his neighborhood—that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services in the company of Capt. Robert McKean first mentioned services of nine months detailed in [blot] his declaration & nor does he know of any person who can testify to his other services except Marcus Duesler and Henry Flander in relation to his other two nine months service before set forth that he has & knows of no other person or persons who can testify to his other services during the revolutionary war that he cannot write his name. (Signed with his mark) Frederick Baum

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me in open court. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk
State of New York
Montgomery County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of the Town of Oppenheim in & for said County this 15 day of January A.D. 1833. Frederick Baum of the same town & County & to me personally known & who being duly sworn says in order to amend & correct his declaration made the 21st day of September in the Court of said County for a pension, that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of his memory he has made some mistakes in his said original declaration in this that he therein states "that on or about the first day of April 1778", he entered as a soldier the company whereof Robert McKean was Capt & left said service "on Jan 1, 1779" & also in the time he entered & left the service in Capt. Garret Putman's Company--& that he desires in his said declaration in those particulars to be considered as amended as stated below—that since he made his said original declaration he recollected that while he served in said Capt. McKean's company at Fort Dayton he heard of General Sullivan's expedition against the Indians & that some of the soldiers who went with that expedition came to Fort

Dayton & then served in the same company of Capt. McKean. That those circumstances corrected his memory & he believes it was in the year 1779 he served his said company & he further says that by reason of his old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his present recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades viz: That he served as a private soldier in the company whereof Robert McKean was Capt. John Smith Lieut from the first day of April 1779 to the first day of January 1780 for nine months—that the said company according to his recollection served & were considered as New York State Levies –is positive he served nine months in said company—but he does not remember that any of the field officers accompanied said company, nor does he know the Regt to which said company was attached & cannot be believes ascertain that fact--& knows of no person he can procure to testify to said nine months service.—

2. That he served as a private soldier in the New York State Levies in the company whereof Garret Putman was Capt. Solomon Woodworth Ensign, Isaac Paris Lieutenant in the Regt whereof Lewis Dubois (15) was Col. John Harper Lieut Col. for nine months the year following he served in Capt. McKean's Company that is he served in said Putman's company from first day of April 1780 to the first day of January 1781, as a private for nine months & hereby desires his said original declaration to be amended accordingly & further says that while in said nine months service the said Putman's company he saw Marcus Duesler at or near where Utica City now if according to his recollection or in the previous (near where he served in McKean's company .

3. That he served as a private soldier in the company whereof Lawrence Gros was Capt. in that Regt whereof Marinus Willett was Col & Josiah Throop (16) was the Major from the first day of April A.D. 1781 to the first day of January 1782 for nine months as one of the New York State Levies--

That he served as a private soldier in the Company commanded by Lieut. Jacob Diefendorf from the 14 Augt 1777 to the twenty first day of August 1777 for six days & for aforesaid services. (Signed with his mark) Frederick Baum

Subscribed to & Sworn this 15th day of January A.D. 1833 before me Ashabal Loomis, Justice of the Peace. State of New York
Fulton County SS.

On this 22 day of April 1854, appeared before me Wm. Spencer a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, the subscriber Margaret Baum, (17) who being duly sworn deposes & says that she is the widow of Frederick Baum deceased that said Frederick received a pension for services rendered in the Revolutionary war with Great Britain said deponent says that she does not recollect the number of said Baum's pension certificate nor has she the means of obtaining as the said Baums agent returned said certificate to the office of the Interior at Washington after the death of said Baum said Baum's certificate entitled him to ninety six dollars per year deponent further says that said Baum departed this life in the fall of 1843—that the undersigned was married to the said Frederick Baum in the spring or summer of 1840 & in proof thereof the affidavit of Henry F. Baum is hereunto attached she therefore claims the benefit of the act of Congress of February 1853 and she requests that her name may be inscribed on the roll of pensioners under the said act. (Signed with her mark) Margaret Baum

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 22 day of April 1854—Wm. Spencer, Justice of the Peace, attest James N. Everest

End Notes—W.15835—Frederick Baum or Boom

1. The service was in 1779, Frederick corrected his errors in his January 15, 1833 application. Robert McKean was appointed Captain in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Henry K. VanRensselaer's Regiment of New York State Levies in April of 1779. There is no record of a muster roll for this company. John Smith was appointed a lieutenant in this regiment and many of the pensioners mention Smith as one of their lieutenants. Solomon Woodworth's name does not appear on the list of officers appointed for this regiment. Some of the pensioners mentioned Walter J. Vrooman as the other lieutenant for this company. Vrooman is listed on the list of officers that were appointed to this regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 75, folder 134 (listed under Pawling's Regiment as both regiments of Levies were raised at the same time.) National Archives, Washington, D.C
2. This service was in 1780. Garret Putman was appointed on May 11, 1780 in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant John Harper's Regiment of New York State Levies. Isaac Paris and Solomon Woodworth were lieutenants in this company. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 74, folder 112, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. Andrew Finck in 1780 was captain in the First New York Continental Regiment under Colonel Goose VanSchaick. The 1st NY was stationed at Fort Schuyler which was once called Fort Stanwix, until about October 1st when Harper's Regiment replaced the 1st NY.
4. He may be referring to the John Newkirk who was the Major in Colonel Frederick Visscher's Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Charles Nukirk or Newkirk served as a Captain in the Second New York Continental Regiment until January 1, 1781.

5. Peter Gansevoort was Colonel of the Third New York Continental Regiment. This regiment was not in the Mohawk Valley in 1780 or Fort Schuyler.
6. Harper's Regiment was replaced by the Fourth New York Continental Regiment on November 22, and Harper's Regiment marched out of the fort on the 23rd. The regiment was discharged on November 30. This service was actually only for seven months.
7. Frederick enlisted as a private on April 29, 1781 in Captain Lawrence Gros' Company in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
8. Lieutenant Jacob Winney was in Willett's Regiment but in Captain Peter VanRensselaer's Company.
9. The lieutenants in Captain Gros' Company were Jacob Sammons, Simon J. Vrooman and Timothy Hutton.
10. The Battle of New Dorlach was fought on July 10, 1781.
11. Jellis A. Fonda served as a Lieutenant and Adjutant in Willett's Regiment until November of 1782 when he was promoted to Captain.
12. Henry Dieffendorf was Captain of the Fifth Company in Colonel Ebenezer Cox's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Captain Dieffendorf was killed at the Battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777. Jacob Dieffendorf a brother of Henry, was the First Lieutenant and after the death his brother Jacob was promoted to Captain of the Fifth Company.
13. Nicholas Herkimer, Brigadier General of the Tryon County Militia Brigade.
14. George Countryman was appointed the Ensign in the Fifth Company on August 26, 1775. He was appointed First Lieutenant on March 4, 1780 in the Fifth Company.
15. Lewis DuBois was the Colonel of a different regiment of New York State Levies.
16. Josiah Throop was appointed Major on April 28, 1781 in Willett's Regiment.
17. In Margaret's application James Wilson made out a supporting deposition for proof of her marriage as follows: "On the 9th day of May Frederick Baum of the Town of Oppenheim County of Fulton and Margaret Duesler of the same place were married by me & Henry F. Baum & wife and Joseph Baum were present as witnesses at said marriage", dated February 13, 1855. Wilson was a Justice of the Peace in 1840. She was still alive on May 30, 1871 because she applied for an increase in her pension under the Act of July 27, 1868. She was living at Garoga, Town of Ephratah, Fulton County at the age of 81.