

Pension Application for Aaron Baxter

S.12064

Aaron Baxter was granted pension of \$60.00 per annum.

State of New York

Steuben County SS.

On the 17th day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Aaron Baxter a resident of the town of Addison in the County of Steuben and State aforesaid aged sixty-six years in November last, 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he first entered the United States service, in the month of March about the first of that month 1782, in the town of Spencer in the County of Columbia & State of New York where he then resided, by enlisting into the New York State of Troops, as a substitute for a classman, nine months – was mustered and received into service at Kinderhook in said county—joined his company at Albany –Capt. Henry (1) commanded the company, don't recollect the names of his other officers—marched to Schenectady—thence to Fort Hunter up the Mohawk river, -- remained for some time—thence to Johnstown—thence sent with a party to a small place called CorryTown (2) where there was a small picket fort returned in about a month to Johnstown – sent from there to White Plains—while on the march to White Plains an express was sent after us and we were ordered back as the Indians and Tories were doing much mischief—marched back to Johnstown—remained some time at Johnstown thence to Canada Creek which empties into the Mohawk river. This applicant was engaged there with a small party as Indian Spies—sent him there to Fort Herkimer—Returned to Fort Plain when we arrived near Fort Plain, an officer came out and met us—said the people at the Fort had the small pox—and there said that we were dismissed—this was on the last day of the year 1782—arrived at home about the 6th of January 1783 at Spencertown, Columbia County. The above service was performed in a Regiment commanded by Col. Willet—remembers the names of the following officers belonging to said corps—Capt. Fonday (3)—Capt. Tearce & Lieutenant Johnson, having served ten months—Did not receive a written discharge.

That early in the Spring about the ninth of May 1783, Samuel Hosford (4), a soldier belonging to Col. Willetts Regiment returned home and this applicant went out as a substitute for him; joined the company at Schenectady and remained there, except that went occasionally on scouts, until we were discharged which was on the sixth day of January 1784 as appears by the annexed discharge, signed by Capt. Peter B. Tearce (5), Capt. Command't & Countersigned by Adjutant P. Moore at Schenectady having served eight months. That he has no other proof of his services, documentary or otherwise.

Was born in Hebron, County of Hartford and State of Connecticut in the [year] 1766. Has no record of his age. Lived at Spencertown in Columbia. When called into service moved from there to Smithfield Chenango County: thence to Addison Steuben County where he now resides—Called into service in the manner already stated & performed service as he has stated in the manner herein before mentioned. The discharge which he received is hereto annexed.

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. (Signed) Aaron Baxter

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. M. L. Rumsey Dep. Clerk, Steuben County

End Notes—Aaron Baxter—S.120641

1. Aaron served as a private in Captain National Henry' Company in Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies.
2. Currytown is in the present day Town of Root, Montgomery County. The small picket fort may be Fort Lewis.
3. Captains Jellis A. Fonda, Peter B. Tearce and Lieutenant Witter Johnson [Johnston] were officers in Willett's Levies.
4. Samuel Horsford served as a private in Captain Joseph Harrison's Company in Colonel Willett's Regiment. According to Harrison's company Payroll for 1783, Samuel served 10 months. After Captain Harrison retired, Samuel was transferred to Captain Simeon Newell's Company which company he served another month. Under the casualties column the following was written. "Exchanged for Baxter". This means Aaron actually did not serve until December 1, 1783. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, Folder 173, National Archives, Washington D.C.
5. Extract from the Regiment of the New York State Battalion as follows—Name of Men: *Aaron Baxter*. Remarks *In place of Samuel Horsford*. Discharged: *January 6, 1784*. Schenectady January 7th, 1784. Attest P. Moor Adjut. Peter B. Tearce Capt. Commandant State Batt. Colonel Willett land Major Andrew Finck Jr. had retired on November 1, 1783. The command of the regiment then fell to Major Elias VanBenschoten who retired on January 1, 1784 and now Captain Tearce commanded the regiment.

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