

Pension Application for John Baxter

W.10399 (Eunice)

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.
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County of Clinton SS

On this fifteenth day of May 1839 personally appeared in open before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Clinton John Baxter a resident of Dunham at present in the province of Lower Canada aged seventy seven 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 John Baxter enlisted as a private soldier for the term of eight months in May or June in the year 1775-in the town of New Ashland in the County of Berkshire in the State of Massachusetts in the Company Commanded by Captain Ager Burns in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Woodbridge. That he marched immediately to Cambridge near Boston, that Lieutenant Roger Pettibone & Lieutenant Smith were the [?] officers in said Barn's company at the time. That the company joined Woodbridge's Regiment at Cambridge aforesaid, Meyer Stader was in the same Regiment, that on their arrival at Cambridge General [Putnam?] had the Command, but during the Summer General Washington came on & took the command, -- that he faithfully served out said terms of enlistment, but got no discharge, because he immediately enlisted again as a private soldier in the same company at Cambridge aforesaid for the term of one year.

What this Second enlistment was in January 1776, was then attached to Colonel Benjamin Sergeants Regiment. That in February after he was transferred into a company commanded by Captain Jabez Hall & Colonel Seth Warner's Regiment & that he immediately marched to Quebeck by the way of Lake Champlain and arrived there a short time after the death of General Montgomery, that General Benedict Arnold had the command of the Army at Quebeck after they arrived.

That the last of May the army retreated, when this deponent having taken the SmallPox at Quebeck from which he was not fully recovered. That the Army of this deponent with them retreated to Ticonderoga where he staid until [?] out by General Burgoine & about this time his tour was out, when he was discharged and returned home to Massachusetts—that he got no written discharge.

That soon after he returned home to New Ashford he was chose 2d Lieutenant in a Company of Massachusetts Malitia, Commanded by Captain Amariah Babit, that in June 1777 he volunteered in the service of the United States as a Lieutenant with several of the Company and marched to Manchester in Vermont then joined Colonel Warner's Regiment, that while there the principal business was scouting in such excursions he went to Paulet & Scheneensborough until the arrival of Baums troops on Bennington, when he marched there, and was engaged in that Battle that the troops were commanded at this time by General Stark. That after the Battle of Bennington he marched to meet General Burgoine, and was engaged in the Campaign until after he was taken in October 17th 1777—was engaged in the taking of Burgoine when he was with the other Malitia dismissed & permitted to return home.

That he served at this time four? Months—making all the service as a soldier and an officer in the United States Service in the Revolutionary Army & Malitia Twenty five months.

That he has no documentary evidence except the accompanying commission of Lieutenant the date of which has got obliterated.

And that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Services.

That he has once proved all the foregoing service, in order to obtain a pension. Mother Eunice Baxter and Jonathan Brooks, that both are now dead, but as this deponent supposes, the documents remain in the pension office at Washington.

And he further saith that he cannot procure a Clergymen acquainted with him, as a witness.—

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is on the pension roll of the Agency of the State of New York only.

That he was born in the town of Nine Partners in the State of New York, from whence he removed when young to New Fairfield in Connecticut—and at the age of Queenstown he removed in to Seeborough Massachusetts from thence to New Ashford and adjoining town, when he remained about forty years—from thence to Canada where he resided several years and then returned to Chazy, in the State of New York where he has resided & at Dunham among his children ever since—that he has a record of his age in his Bible.

That he is known by [Nathanine Leuz, and Ebenezer Sharmon?] who resides in his neighborhood and can testify as to his character for truth and veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. (Signed) John Baxter

Sworn to and subscribed the 15th day of May AD 1833. Nathan Taylor, Clerk