

Pension Application for William Baxter

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire SS

On this 27th day of April A.D. 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas within ^ for the County of Berkshire in Western Circuit, Personally appears William Baxter aged fifty seven years, resident in the town of Lenox in said County of Berkshire, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war."

That the said William Baxter enlisted on the second day of June 1778 in the town of Hadley in the County of Hampshire & Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Company commanded by Capt Joshua Benson of the Fifth Mass'tts Regt commanded by Col. Rufus Putnams for the term of nine months & served out said [?] That he was discharged from said service on the seventh day of March 1779, at Cortland Farms in the State of New York. That on or about a the first of June 1780 he enlisted again in the same company & same Regiment for the term of six months & was discharged at West Point in the State of New York on the fifteenth day of Decr 1780, that he continued in the service of the United States during the full term of both af'said enlistments that during the time of his service he was at West Point & White Plains in the State of New York & at Danbury & Wodbury in the State of Connecticut, that he was not in any important battle during said term.

And that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services—except what results from the papers hereto annexed which I received at the dates. (Signed) William Baxter

Sworn to & declared before me, the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) John Hooker