

Pension Application for David D. Becker

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State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this twentieth day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County of Montgomery now sitting David D. Becker a resident of the Town of Broadalbin in the said County of Montgomery and State of New York aged seventy one 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he resided during the Revolutionary War in the Town of Cambridge then in Albany County now in Washington County and State of New York, that in the fore part of the month of June they day he cannot recollect in the year 1777, he volunteered to go to Fort Edward for two months.

That he entered into said service the next day. That the company in which he served was commanded by Captain Smith, Lieutenant Whitesides. The ensign's name not recollect. Lewis VanVort Colonel of the Regiment. One Blair Lieutenant Colonel, James Aston was first Major and once Allen was second Major. That upon entering said service he went directly to Fort Edward, thence to WhiteCreek and there was stationed until he was dismissed with his regiment which was some time in the month of August following four or five days before Bennington battle. That he was in the service two months at this time. Does not recollect the name of the Continental officers. At White Creek a Captain McCacken commanded a Continental Company, Col. Williams commanded another regiment of Militia and the said David D. Becker further declares that he resided from the period and in a section of country exposed during all that time to the incursions of the British and Indians friendly to them and that it was necessary to have the Forts guarded to prevent said incursions and that the Militia were frequently called out in mass on alarms and that a part of the regiment to which he belonged was all the time till the close of the war engaged in keeping garrison or guarding the country and it order to make it less [?] then some it was agreed that the company to which this deponent belonged should be classed and that each class should serve two weeks and that it should be determined by lot which class should first serve.

In the year 1778 in the month of June his company and regiment to which it belonged was ordered out. That his company was out all the time a part of it. That he was classed and that he was in said service one half of the time from June till December following and in all was in said nine months this year besides he was in the service by being in service between the periods that he was out in regular service this year about one month but was out only as occasion required between the times that he was drafted by Classes that he did not serve only two weeks at a time this season except when he was ordered out in scouts which took place once this season just after one of the times aforesaid, had expired & kept him in said service a month. Went to Fort Edward and was there stationed except when sent out from fort Edward. The officers both company and regiment were the same this year as the year before. That he was sometimes under other Captains & company officers & sometimes only a part of his company officers were out in said service.

In the year 1779 was in said service three months. That his service that year began in the month of June and continued till November then next.

That he was classed and his class drafted that he was out more than one half of time including the skirmishes that he was called out when there was an attack made by the Indians or British upon the town or neighboring towns which they frequently did in small parties killing & plundering the inhabitants.

That he was in said service that year regularly one half of time from June till November, was drafted by class and that he was in scouts & skirmishes when he volunteered nine more months this season. Went to Fort Edward and was stationed there most of the time.

In the year 1780 again was drafted by Classes of two weeks each. Was in said service from June this year till December following was out [?] one half of the time this year and was in said service by taking turns so that the said company one half of it would be out one half of time. Had the same company & regimental officers this year and the year before that he had in 1778. That he was out under them all the time. That he was sometimes under other company officers.

In 1781 was out in all about two months went into service this year went in the month of June as he thinks was out in service of two weeks each continued to serve till October was out one half of time in tours of two weeks each as in the years before went to Fort Edward, Black Lake, Fort Edward was evacuated in the year 1780 in October thinks but with understanding was at the place or into vicinity frequently did not remain stationed there being [?] to where.

In 1782 he was out for two weeks on a regular tour. That he was ordered out on skirmishes and scouts about a month besides serving the [?] Cannot tell exactly how long but should judge that all his service in the summer of this year amounted to six weeks or more was under the same company officers as before stated not under them all the time. He has no documentary evidence of his services.

Was born in the year 1761 the 12th day of May in Schoharie in the State of New York. Has no record of his age. Was living when called into service in Cambridge in the State of New York and lived there til the year 1794. Then moved to Mayfield in Montgomery County New York & then to Broadalbin in said county and state last mentioned where he now lives. Was drafted into service except when he went out as a volunteer to prevent the depredations of the enemy as before stated. Recollects that Col. Warner Captain Moulton, Captain Chapman were among the regular officers does not recollect positively about regular officers or regiments as they were not stationed among at any place recollect General Schuyler at Fort Edward.

Never received an written discharge. That he is known to Abraham Fonda & Eldred Fonda who reside in his neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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.

That he was under Captain George [???] once McKellips one Cornelius Doty one –he cannot tell all the captains or officers he was under when he was out under his own officers as he was under them but a short time.

That he knows of no minister that he can obtain to make an oath that he was reputed a soldier of the revolution.

That he knows of no minister who can testify to his being reputed a soldier of the revolution.
(Signed) David D. Becker.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 20th September 1832. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk