

Pension Application for George Eker, Eaker, Ecker, Eacker, Acker

S.10602

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On this 21st day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Montgomery now sitting, George Eaker, resident of the Town of Johnstown, County of Montgomery and State of New York, who this applicant states that he cannot produce sufficient testimony verified by any record kept by any church he knows or by any family record he can find but was satisfied that he must at least be aged seventy years old, 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 7th , 1832.

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

That the Applicant declares that he Entered into the service of the United States for nine months in the year 1780 under the Capt. Gerred Putman (1) and also again in the year 1781. (2) Enlisted under the aforesaid, Capt. Gerred Putman also for nine months the second year and that he hath served his time to the completion of the full two terms for nine months in each year. That Victor Putman (3) was their Serg't and Solomon Woodworth Ensign (4) to the best of the claimant's knowledge for both years for the time aforesaid.

That this claimant declares that he did belong to Col. Deboises Regiment (5) although sometimes on certain emergencies under the command of Col. Willett.

That he immediately before the Battle in October 1781, did procure a substitute vizt a person by the name of Shaver, (6) then in the Town of Canajohary, for one month. When this applicant returned to his place of residence vizt Town of Johnstown, when on the next day after, without being warned or noticed, volunteered and went into Johnstown Battle under the command of Col. Willett, which took place on the 25th day of October 1781, against Maj. Ross (7) from Canada, with a large force of incendiaries, that he declares that he always had an attachment to the cause of liberty as further evidenced.

That this applicant further declares that he became a substitute for Jacob Roth (8) who belonged to Capt. Sam'l. Sackets company in the United States service for one month only when Roth's time would have expired in the year 1778. That this applicant declares that James Williamson and Jacob Philips with their [?] can prove his service for the first nine months of the year 1780 and in the year 1782 [?] for the one month served a substitute for Jacob Roth, and by the latter service the nine months service in 1781.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk
(Signed) George Eker

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned fist Judge of the County of Montgomery and State aforesaid, George Eacker of the Town of Johnstown, County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn deposes and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of service but according to the best of his recollections, he served not less that the period mentioned, in the following vizt

1778 for his Uncle Abraham Eacker (9) in the summer, he was then residing in the Town of Palatine, was drafted to march to the German Flats at which time this deponent became a substitute for him, his uncle and accordingly marched there as a private soldier at a

distance of at least thirty miles and there remained for some time but the particular period not able to mention, that this deponent then residing in the Town of Johnstown, for at least 15 days.

1780 Then enlisted under Capt. Gerrerd Putman's Company as a private in the Reg't commanded by Col. Debois, (10) that he served for Nine Months.

1781 Then in the spring that year, again enlisted and served for nine months, as a Private soldier under the said Capt. Putman, continued therein until his term hath Expired.

1778 Also became a substitute for Jacob Roth in that year, then served one month in the Continental Troops under Capt. Sacket's Company, when the time of Roth hath Expired.

That this deponent declares that to the best of his recollection that he hath been stationed at the following different places respectively, vizt at Sacandaga Block House, at Johnstown Fort guarded the Jaol at Fort Snell, for some considerable time, at Fort Plank, and at Fort Stanwix, also at Caughnawaga, when and at which places, forts and block houses, this deponent declares that he hath been performing services as thereunto required, during the period of his enlistments in the year 1780 and 1781, and for such service I claim a Pension. Subscribed and sworn to this 29th day of May 1833. Abm Morrell, First Judge of the County Montgomery (Signed) George Eaker

Letter included in the Pension Application.

Reference is made to your letter relative to George Eaker, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The record of the only George Eker that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this office, all spellings of the name searched, is furnished you herein as found in the papers on file in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10602, based upon his military service in that war.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of Geroge Eker are not shown.

While residing in Johnstown, Montgomery County, New York, George Eker enlisted and served as private in the New York troops as follows: from the summer of 1778, fifteen days as a substitute for his uncle, Abraham Eacker, who was then residing in Palatine, New York; exact dates of service and names of officers not given; again in 1778, exact dates not shown, one month in Captain Samuel Sackett's Company; in 1780, nine months in Captain Garrett Putman's Company, Colonel Dubois' Regiment; and in 1781, nine months from the spring of that year, in Captain Garrett Putman's company, Colonels Dubois' (10) and Willett's regiments and was in the Battle of Johnstown.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 21, 1832, while residing in Johnstown, Montgomery County, New York. At that time he stated that he had no record of his age but he was certain that he was aged at least seventy years. He signed George Eker.

There is no reference to wife or children.

End Notes—S.10602—George Eker

1. George served as a private in Captain Garret Putman's Company in 1780 in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant John Harper's Regiment of New York State Levies. There were two certificates issued to George for this service as follows: No.17659 for £7. .0. . 5 1/3 and No 17713 for £10. . 13. . 4. They were transferred to Volkert Veeder. They were witnessed by Bart Roseboom. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 74, folder 112, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. There is no record of George as serving in 1781 in Captain Putman's Company or any Company for that year in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies.

3. Victor Putman served as a lieutenant in Captain Isaac Bogart's Company in Harper's Regiment in 1780 and as lieutenant in Captain Putman's Company in Willett's in 1781. He served in various capabilities in Colonel Frederick Visscher's Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
4. Solomon Woodworth served as a lieutenant in Captain Putman's Company in 1780 in Harper's Regiment and as a lieutenant in Captain Thomas Skinner's Company in 1781 in Willett's Regiment. Woodworth also had served in various capacities in Colonel Visscher's Regiment.
5. Lewis DuBois was appointed Colonel on July 1, 1780 of a regiment of New York State Levies for three months service. He arrived with his regiment in late August in the Mohawk Valley. Putman's Company may have served in the same area as Colonel DuBois but were not part of his regiment.
6. An Adam Shaver served as a private in Captain Putman's Company in 1780 in Harper's but not in Willett's Regiment. It appears that George served as a private in Captain Abraham Veeder's Second Company in Colonel Visscher's Regiment in 1781. His name appears on a receipt roll for Visscher's Regiment dated February 16, 1786 as receiving pay on June 27, 1785 as follows: 32754 for £ 2. . 13. . 4, and 32032 for £ ____ . . 8. . 10 10/15. FROM: Revolutionary Rolls, 1775-1783, Series M-249, Roll 74, folder 100, National Archives, Washington, D.C. George would have served in Captain Veeder's Company at the time of the Battle of Johnstown. George stated he was living in the Town of Johnstown in 1780 and was still there in 1832. He was living in the Town of Palatine in 1778, but when he moved to the Town of Johnstown was not stated.
7. Major John Ross commanded the British forces at the Battle of Johnstown.
8. A Jacob Roth was not found as having served in Colonel Henry B. Livingston's Fourth New York Continental Regiment. Captain Samuel Sacket commanded the first company in the Fourth New York. A Jacob Rhodes of Captain Sacket's Company enlisted on May 5, 1778 and was discharged on February 5, 1779. This is most likely the soldier he substituted for. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 71, folder 56, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
9. Abraham Eacker served as a private in Captain John Breadbake's Fifth Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia. George Eker, Jr. served in Breadbake's Company and Captain John Zeely's Company. When Captain Breadbake served in the ranger service in 1778 and in the levy service in 1780, First Lieutenant Zeely would command the Company as Captain in Breadbake's absence. There was one receipt or certificate for George Ecker Jr. No. 18896 for £ 8. . 0. . 0. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 75, folder 121, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
10. Colonel DuBois did not serve in the military service after 1780.