

**Pension Application for Justus or Jesse Baker**

R.425

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June seventh A.D. 1832.

State of New York

County of Tioga SS.

On this nineteenth day of January 1839 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Justus Baker of the town of Tioga and State of New York aged seventy four 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated —That he this deponent entered the army when he was seventeen or eighteen years of age—he was at the time he enlisted, an apprentice to the taylor's trade.

The officers under which he served were, Captain Dodge, Major Logan and Colonel Wilson Philips.

That at the time he was enrolled he lived in the town of Paulding in the County of Dutchess in the state of New York—That he passed muster at Fishkill in the state of New York sometime in the month of July can not tell the day, from thence he was soon marched under the above officers to Westpoint, from thence to Albany in the State of New York, where he staid eight to ten days, from thence to Schenectady, from thence to Johnstown, where he was stationed sometime, from thence he was marched to Saratoga, thence back to Albany where he received his discharge from some of the officers cannot recollect whom—This was sometime in the fall having served that season about four months—He then went home and went to work with his former master at his trade with whom he staid until the next spring—He was then called into the service again about the first of May and passed muster at Fishkill in the State of New York under the same officers as the year before and was then marched to West Point where he did duty nine months and was then discharged from service—He received his discharge from some of the officers—cannot recollect who signed it.

This deponent further saith that he was hired and entered the service as a substitute for six or seven men who were required by draft to furnish one man for that company or squad—He was in an engagement near Lake George in the state of New York while out on a Scouting expedition.

This deponent also states that he resided in the County of Dutchess, Town of Paulding about three years after receiving his discharge, thence he went to the State of Vermont and lived there about nine months from thence he went to Lenox in the County of Berkshire in the State of Massachusetts where he was married and lived about twenty years—That on the third day of September 1803 his house and all its contents together with two of his children, one two and the other six years old—were consumed by fire, that the family bible containing the records of his and his family's ages was also burnt—also all his papers amongst which were his discharges from the army and the dates and times of enlistment and dates of his discharges with all that he possessed—From thence he removed to the town of Canaan in the State of New York and from thence to the town of Newark, County of Tioga and State of New York where he now resides.—

This deponent further saith that Frances Snowden and Ezekiel Jenkins of the Town of Paulding and John Gay and Andard Canan of Poughkeepsie and Simeon Runno of Dover belonged to the same company with this deponent. This deponent further states that he was acquainted with Col. Brown who was stationed at Johnstown and was killed at Stone Robbie by the Indians and Tories—That he was acquainted with General Washington who was at West Point while this deponent was stationed there, and joined in a great celebration of the birth of the son of the king of France in honour of General LaFayette—That he was also acquainted with Dr. Buck who was Surgeon of the regimen tot which this deponent belonged—That he has made diligent search and inquiries and cannot ascertain that any of

the above named persons are living—that he knows of no one who can testify to his services and that he has no documentary evidence.

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 or Territory. (Signed) Justus Baker

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this nineteenth day of January AD eighteen hundred and thirty nine. David Wallis  
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