

Pension Application for Solomon Baker

W.5770 (Widow: Nancy)
Green Mt. Boys, Mass., N.Y.
State of New York
Livingston County SS.

On this 11th day of July 1832 appeared Timothy Baker before me the undersigned a Judge of Livingston County Courts and being duly sworn says that he is a brother of Solomon Baker and that he the said Solomon is now as this deponent verily believes in [his] eightieth year and that he this deponent is in his seventy third year—and that the said Solomon was a soldier in the army of the revolution.

This deponent upon oath aforesaid says that the said Solomon enlisted in the year 1775 in the spring into a company commanded by Captain Thomas Lusk in a regiment commanded by Colonel Ethan Allen and marched for Ticonderoga and was gone from home on the expedition against Ticonderoga about one month—In June following enlisted for eight months and was gone eight months to Boston. In 1780 the said Solomon enlisted for three months & served the same being stationed at Fort Ann Washington County New York.

In 1782 was in the army in the New York Line during the spring, summer, and fall—can't recollect the time of Enlistment but was gone during the season—And this deponent recollects that the said Solomon was in the militia during the greater part of the time during the summer of 1777 and at the taking of Gen'l Burgoyne's Army—and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Timothy Baker

Sworn & subscribed this 11th day of July 1832 before me. Leman Gibbs, a Judge of Livingston County Courts.

State of New York
County of Cortland SS.

On this 2d day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and county courts now sitting Solomon Baker a resident of the Town of Solon and County of Cortland and State of New York aged seventy nine 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated.

1775. That on the 4th day of May 1775 he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. Thomas Lusk of Hancock Massachusetts—Regiment commanded by Col. Ethan Allen, marched to the taking of Ticonderoga, Crown Point and St. John's—and discharged at Ticonderoga having served about six weeks.

1775. In June enlisted at Ticonderoga in Capt. Thomas Williams Company of Infantry and went to Boston and joined the regiment commanded by Col. Paterson (afterward Gen'l Paterson)—arrived at Boston the 20th day of June and discharged at Cambridge the 18th day of February 1776—as near as he can recollect—making in the nine (9) months & 14 days.

1776. That he enlisted at Hancock Mass. in August 1776 into Capt. Stratous Company of Infantry Sol. Simons Regt of Massachusetts Troops for 3 months, marched from Hancock to Fairfield Conn, then to Westchester then to White Plains—was in the Battle of White Plains and received a discharge in Nov. 1776 at White Plains.

1777. From Hancock, Mass., was drafted as near as he can recollect the first of July 1777—in Mass. Militia Company commanded by Capt. Rowley in Col. John Ashley's Regt. From Hancock marched to Fort Ann. Was engaged in an action which lasted all day at a place called Wood Creek—of the twenty of his company (Capt. Rowley's) six were killed & four wounded.—Thence retreated to Stillwater and in the retreat was n a number of skirmishes. When the forces arrived at Stillwater applicant was sent with orders to Capt. Judah Williams the company to furnish provision he being then at Williamstown (Mass) on his way to Williamstown he met at Hancock (Mass) Capt. Daniel Goodrich with a company of

Mountie Militia went with the company to Williamstown where he left his orders and then went as a pilot to Capt. Goodrich to Bennington Vermont and was there at the Battle of Bennington—Thence he returned after the Battle to Stillwater. Continued there with the army and about there till the Battle at Bemis Heights—was in the battle—continued in the army until after the taking of Burgoyne and was discharged at Saratoga in the month of October 1777. For a part of the time he was in Col. Herrick's Regt of State Troops.

1778. Volunteered sometime in Sept. 1778 and went to Albany and was stationed there a month to guard the stores commandant Judah Williams thinks at that time he was a captain.

1779. Enlisted at Granville, Washington County NY 1779 and served 2 months being part of October, November & December—Stationed at Skeenesborough now Whitehall—commandant of the company Levi Stockwell.

1780. Enlisted at Granville into Capt. Adial Sherwoods Company of Infantry in July 1780 and was stationed during the time at Fort Ann Washington Co. NY, was there in the months of Aug., Sept., & part of Oct., at this time Rec'd sergeant's pay.

1782. On the first of April 1782 enlisted at Granville Washington County State of New York under Lieut. John Hinsdale mustered at Saratoga under Capt. Whelpley, Col. Willets Regt of Infantry discharged at Schenectady the first day of January 1783.

In 1775 signed he thinks by Adj to Ashely Recd a written discharge, Lost.

In 1782 Rec'd a written discharge signed by Col. Willet—Lost—at other times Rec'd only a verbal discharge.

In 1776—1780 & 1782 applicant received the pay of Sergeant and officiated as one.

Was born in Canterbury Conn. in 1753.

Record of his age in the Town of his birth on the Town record—also in his Bible.

During the fore part of the Rev. War lived in Hancock (Mass) then removed to Granville Washington Co., NY where he lived till about twenty years since when he came into the Town of Solon (Cortland County NY where he now lives.

He is acquainted with Samuel Holmes and [?] Lamb.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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. (Signed) Solomon Baker

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Samuel Hotchkiss, Jr. Clerk.

On March 7th 1853, Nancy applied for a widow's pension. She stated she was 83 years and a resident of Courtlandville, Courland County, State of New York. She and Solomon were married in the Town of Hartford, Washington County, NY on September 10, 1832, that he died November 20, 1834.