

Pension Application for Joseph Bacon

S.32675

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Joseph Bacon of Peru in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts [?] on oath makes the following Declaration.

That in March 1781 he enlisted in the service of the United States as a private soldier on the Continental Establishment for the term of three years into Capt Ebenezer Smith's Company & Col. Smith's Regiment that he faithfully served in s'd capacity until Peace took place & was honorably discharged at West Point on the twenty fourth day of Decem^r 1783 which discharge is herewith furnished & annexed. And this declarant further saith that he is nearly fifty six year of age & by reason of his reduced circumstances in life stands in need of assistance from his country for support. (Signed) Joseph Bacon.

On this first day of May AD 1818 personally appeared before me John Hooker Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the Western Circuit in said Commonwealth the within named Joseph Bacon and in my presence subscribed and made oath to the Declaration afore written and it appearing to my satisfaction that the said Joseph Bacon served for the term of more than nine months at one period of the war of the Revolution on the Continental establishment to wit from March 1781 to December 1783 against the common enemy I hereby certify the testimony in the proceedings had thereon to the Secretary of the Department of War.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and the seal of said court this first day of May AD 1818.

BY THE HONOURABLE
MAJOR-GENERAL KNOX,

Commanding the AMERICAN FORCES on HUDSON'S RIVER.

Joseph Bacon Soldier in
the *2^d Massachusetts* Regiment,
being enlisted for Three Years, is hereby honourably DISCHARGED from
the Service of the United States.

Given in the State of New-York,

the *24th* Day of *December*

1783.

By the General's Command,

Wm. Mifflin

REGISTERED in the Books of the Regiment,

A. S. Puffer Adjutant