

Pension Application for Albert Baker

S.28989 Private under Captain Tearse, served 16 months 18 days.

State of New York

City & County of Albany

Justices Court SS. On this 24th day of November 1845 before said Court it was proved by the adduction of testimony satisfactory to said Court that Albert Baker late of Sandy Hill in the County of Washington and State aforesaid died on the twenty second day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty five. That at the time of his death, left no widow but left him surviving the following named children viz. Kezia Baker, Rachel Clary, Gannetta Brian, Ann Brayman, Isaac Baker, Charles L. Baker, and Walter Baker. That they are his only surviving children and each of them are over twenty on years of age.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and hereby direct the official seal of said court to be affixed the day and year first above written. Abraham Morrel, a Justice of the Justices Court the City of Albany County of Albany, NY.

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On this 24th day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty five in open court before the Justices thereof the same being a court of record, personally appeared Kezia Baker aged forth five years a resident of said city and county who from conscientious scruples is averse to making oath and who being first duly affirmed according to law doth on her solemn affirmation make the following declaration in behalf of the children of Albert Baker decease in order to obtain the pension which was due the said Albert Baker under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. And as she has been informed & believes is now due the children from the 4th of March 1831 to the 22d of September 1845 being the day of the death of the said Albert Baker—That she is one of the children of Albert Baker deceased who was a private soldier in the war of the Revolution and served three years under Capt. Peter B. Tearse (1) as she has always understood & believes, and as will fully appear on reference to an original discharge now in possession of declarant dated the 5th of January 1784 & is herewith delivered for the purpose of forwarding to Washington which discharge declarant saith has been in the possession of her said father from her earliest recollection until his death.

Declarant further saith that from conscientious scruples her said father, on being solicited by various persons to make application for a pension has at all times declined and repelled any action upon the subject and further that about the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty five or six Nathaniel Pitcher Esq, who as declarant believes was then a member of Congress, procured some evidence of identity of her said father in the aforesaid service and as declarant has also been informed & believes, caused the same to be filed in the pension office at Washington at which time the said Pitcher procured the said discharge for a few months for the purpose of exhibiting it to the pension Department & there as declarant has been informed & believes recording it for the benefit of those concerned. Declarant further saith that her said father the aforesaid Albert Baker died on the twenty second day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty five. And at the time of his death left no widow but left him surviving the following named children viz. Kezia Baker, this declarant, Rachel Clary, Gannetta Brien, Ann Brayman, Isaac Baker, Charles S. Baker and Walter Baker. That they are his only surviving children and each of them are over twenty one years of age. (Signed) Kezia Baker

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 24th day of November 1845. Abraham Morrell a Justice of the Justices Court of the City of Albany County of Albany NY.

End Notes—S.28989—Albert Baker

Albert enlisted in 1781 as a private in Captain Silas Gray's Company in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies.

Captain Gray's Company was sent to Stillwater under Major John McKinstry of Willett's Regiment. They stayed in that area during most of that year.

In 1795 his father Albert Baker Sr. received his owed pay of £ 5..6..8. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

On May 31, 1782, Albert was a class enlistment for 2 years. He was born in New York, New York County, New York. When he enlisted, he lived at Fort Edward. Description at this time: age 17, size 5 ft 5 in., complexion light, eyes light, occupation- labourer. FROM: Manuscripts and Special Collections, New York State Library, Albany, N.Y. Collection Marinus Willett's Regt. Descriptive Book No 4, Doc. No. 11105

In 1783, Albert was listed as a private in Captain Job Wright's Company in Willett's Regiment. He served ten months. He had been paid £ 26..60 and was owed £ 40. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

In 1782, Albert either served in Captain Gray's or Wright's Company. Captain Gray was recruiting a company but he could not fill his company quota and the company was disabled. Those he had recruited were put into other companies.