

Pension Application for Edey Baker

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Declaration

"In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832".

State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On this sixteenth (16th) day of October A.D. 1849 personally appeared in open court, before the supreme Court of the State of New York now sitting Edey Baker a resident of the Town of Malta in the County and State aforesaid aged eighty six (86) 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 under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated.

That he was born in Duches [Dutchess] County of this state in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty four (1764). October twenty second (22nd), that he has no record of his age, believes there was a family record but does not know what has become of it, that he resided at Stillwater in this county (then Albany Co) at the time when the Revolutionary struggles commenced, that after the war closed he moved to his present residence, twelve (12) miles from Stillwater where he has resided ever since, that he cannot positively state the month or day of the month in which he entered the service of the United States, but that the first service he rendered was in the fall of One Thousand seven hundred and seventy nine (1779) in the early part of that season, that he served in Captain John Thompson's Company of Colonel Cornelius VanVechten's Regiment of Militia, that Josiah Benjamin was Lieutenant and Isaac Fonda was Ensign in said company, that said Capt.. Thompson in command of his company done much duty apart from the immediate command of Col. VanVechten to whose regiment he was attached, affiant further saith, that he knows that he did, as a member of the company aforesaid commanded as aforesaid, do duty and a private, that he did at different times march to and fro through the country to wit. From Stillwater to Fort Edwards [Edward], to VanSchaick's Island, to Moses Kill, to Schenenecttta [Schenectady], to Johnstown, to Lake George, that he did do duty in Lieut. Benjamin Guile's Company or company commanded by him under Colonel Warner's Command, that he was under command of the latter officers, when Fort Ann and Fort George was taken by the enemy, that he was on his march to the latter points under a call of Gov. Clinton, that upon arriving on the ground the first or second day following and said Ensign Lowery and Benjamin Cummings private of Warner's Regt. had been killed, also that previous to this latter incident, Lieut Coon, and Adjut Hopkins of Col. Warner's Regiment were killed at Bloody Pond a short distance from Fort George.

That the intelligence of the two latter being killed, was brought to Fort Edward where affiant was on duty, by Col. Warner himself who when he arrived was bleeding from a wound received in the arm just below the shoulder.

Affiant further says that he was one of the number under Ensign Lowery to carry the lifeless bodies of Lieut. Coon and Adjut. Hopkins aforesaid from Bloody Pond to Ft. George, and that Col. Warner after giving Lowery and his men orders to proceed and bring in the bodies aforesaid, returned to Fort Edwards, and that Major Chitman was at that particular time in command of Fort Edward. That he recollects Captain John Warner commanding a volunteer company also Josiah Benjamin Jr. a private who was a member of said Col. company.

He further saith that his discharge from the service and all other papers connected with the service as a soldier have long since been lost, but cannot say positively that he ever received a discharge in form.

Affiant further declares that from the length of time since the service was rendered and on account of his extreme old age, it is not now in his power to give the dates and exact length of time he

served under each officer but that he knows he served much of the time from one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine (1779) to one thousand seven hundred and eighty two (1782). That he knows of but one person now living who knows the fact of his having rendered services as herein stated.

The person referred to is Josiah Benjamin now a resident of the Town of Johnstown County of Fulton who was a member some of the time of Capt. John Thompson's Company, also of Capt. John Warner's Company—said Josiah Benjamin was a son of Josiah Benjamin who was a Lieut, in Capt. Thompson's Company. Affiant gives as a reason for not making application sooner for pension, that he did not know until lately of any person surviving who knows of the fact of his having rendered service during the Revolutionary War and that it has not been until lately that he wished to make application.

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. (Signed) Edey Baker

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 16th day of October 1849. A. Backes, Judge.