

Pension Application for Joshua Baker

S.12033

State of New York

County of Greene SS

On this fifth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Greene Joshua Baker a resident of Greenville in the County of Greene and State of New York aged seventy two 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That on or about the first day of August of the year 1776 he enlisted at a place called Fredericksburg in the County of Dutchess and State of New York now the county of Putnam in said State at which place he was then residing for the term of five months that he entered the company commanded by Captain Luddinton in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Swartout. That William Mott was Major and Gen'l George Clinton brigadier General. That one Munroe was Lieutenant and Jesse Munroe orderly sergeant in said company; that from Fredericksburgh aforesaid he marched with the said company to Peekskill and after a short time from thence to Kingsbridge in the County of West Chester; that he remained at Kingsbridge aforesaid until in the month of October when they were ordered to White Plains where he was in the engagement generally known as the Battle of White Plains that in this engagement one of the Captains in said Regiment named VanWyck was killed. That soon after the battle of White Plains he marched with his said Regiment to New Windsor where he was discharged in January of the year 1777 having served the full period of his said enlistment.

That in February of the year 1778 this applicant too the place of one Baines in a company of Teamsters commanded by Josiah Kebourse. That said company of Teamsters were called in the State of Connecticut but at the period above mentioned were quartered in Fredericksburgh aforesaid that the said Baines and one Couch of said company had been rendered unfit for duty by the small pox and this applicant then residing at Fredericksburgh took the place of the said Baines and one Ezra Ferris of Fredericksburgh aforesaid took the place of said Couch, each for the term of one year that for two or three months after entering said company he carted Military Stores from Danbury in Connecticut to Fredericksburgh aforesaid. From thence they were ordered to NewBurgh where they carted ammunition from NewBurgh to Warwick a distance of about 30 miles and boards and forage to NewBurgh.

That from thence about the first of August of the same year they were ordered to West Point where they carted timber and materials for building Fort Clinton and Fort Putnam. That they remained at this station until they were finally discharged in December of the same year; that Colonel Malcomb was Colonel commandant at West Point that during this service there were stationed at West Point Col. Hogans Regiment; that Col. Hogan's Regiment was from [?]. That while at West Point they had their orders chiefly from Major [Shontiment?] a French officer. That the service in which he was employed was extremely laborious and the said company received during the said service double the pay of a private. That 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.

That to the interrogatories put by the court he answers, that he was born in Fredericksburgh and now county of Putnam in the year 1759. That he has a family record of his age in the family Bible in Greenville. That he resided in Fredericksburgh aforesaid until about the year 1790. That from thence he removed into the County of Green aforesaid & has lived in the town of Greenville about 42 years. That he always volunteered into the service. That he entered the service in his 17th year. That in his first service Capt. Luddinton handed him a written discharge, that it is now lost, that he does not recollect by whom it was signed. That Col. Malcomb gave him a written discharge at West Point which is lost. That

every person of respectability in the town of Greenville he thinks will give him a character [reference?]
for veracity & believes him to have been a Revolutionary Soldier. (Signed) Joshua Baker
Sworn & subscribed in open court Sept. 5, 1832. William V. B. Hermance Clerk