

Pension Application for Nahum Baker

R.437 (Widow: Rhoda) Roda Adams and Nahum Baker were married Oct 22, 1792, Nahum died Feb 14, 1819. Probably the reason this claim was denied was because of lack of proof of the marriage.

Franklin County

Town of Chateaugay. [Chautauqua]

State of New York

Solomon Baker of the town of Chateaugay, County of Franklin State of New York being duly sworn deposes and says that he is a son of the late Ezra Baker and was born in the town of Boylston Worcester County State of Massachusetts on the 22d day of November one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight. This deponent further says that he is a brother of the late Nahum Baker who died as he has been informed and verily believes in the town of Annstown, County of Beauhonois Canada East sometime in the month of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

And this deponent further says that the said Nahum was born as this deponent has frequently been informed by their parents, in the town of Westbury County of Worcester State of Massachusetts on the eleventh day of July one thousand seven hundred and sixty four.

And this deponent further says that their parents moved from the town of Westbury to the town of Boylston sometime in the years one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, or seventy eight. And this deponent further says that the said Nahum, as this deponent has been informed by his father and his brother, enlisted in the American Army in the town of Westbury aforesaid sometime in the latter part [of the] year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine or in the fore part of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

This deponent would further say that he has no distinct recollection of ever hearing his father or brother (the aforesaid Nahum) state whether he served in the Continental, State line or militia but it is this deponent's impression it was either in the State line of the State of Massachusetts or in the militia of that state.

And this deponent would further say that he recollects of his brother the said Nahum, returning home from the army at the conclusion of the war in one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, this deponent recollects distinctly that it was in that year from the fact that he was then five years old, and from some circumstances that took place when he was of that age.

And this deponent also recollects that his father has frequently told him that Nahum was but about sixteen when he enlisted, and that he was opposed to his (Nahum) going into the army so young and refused to help fit him out with equipment &c. And this deponent would further say that his brother the said Nahum left home soon after the conclusion of the war and went to the State of Vermont where he staid until the fall of one thousand seven hundred and eighty six when he returned and staid with his father until spring when he returned to Vermont.

In the spring of one thousand seven hundred eighty nine, Ezra Baker, father of this deponent moved his family to the State of Vermont, town and county of Essex. At

this time Nahum lived in the town of Burlington State of Vermont, and resided there to this deponents knowledge until the year one thousand eight hundred and five when he moved to the town of Annstown, Canada where he resided until the time of his death aforesaid.

And this deponent would further say that he recollects distinctly the time the said Nahum was married, and knows that it took place in the fall of one thousand seven hundred and ninety two from the fact that at that time soon after the marriage took place this deponent drove a cow from Essex to Burlington a distance of about nine miles for his brother to commence his house keeping with and also from the fact that in the next season he helped his brother the said Nahum draw his faire wood.

Deponent would further say that he is well acquainted with Rhoda Baker widow of his brother the aforesaid Nahum and knows her to be the identical person who cohabited with him as his wife from the fall of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two until the time of his removal as aforesaid.

And this deponent would further say that he has frequently heard both his father and Naham state that he (Nahum) served in the revolutionary war, from some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine or eighty until the conclusion of the war and also has heard Nahum relate many anecdotes of his services therein, especially of his being sentry over Major Andre but a short time before his execution, and also of his burning a stack of wheat, &c. as stated in the affidavits of Messr Logen, Smith and Busch hereto attached.

And this deponent would further say that his brother the aforesaid Nahum was reputed and believed by all the neighbours both in Massachusetts and in Vermont to have been a revolutionary soldier and to have seen him served as aforesaid, and he has never heard any person express any doubt of that being the case.

And further this deponent sayeth not. (Signed) Solomon Baker

Subscribed and sworn before me this 2d day of November 1847, and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Solomon Baker and that he is a man of truth and veracity & a credible witness. Elisha B. Smith, Justice of the Peace.