

### Pension Application for Thomas Baker

R.26255 (Widow: Molly A.)

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress of the 7th July 1838—entitled “An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows—

State of New York

Suffolk County SS.

On this twenty sixth day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before Hugh Halsey this subscriber First Judge of said County of Suffolk, Molly A. Baker a resident of the town of Easthampton in said County of Suffolk aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled “An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows”—

That she is the widow of Thomas Baker late of the town of Easthampton in the County of Suffolk & State of New York deceased—who was a soldier in the army of the Revolution and served in the capacity of Lieutenant in the years of 1775 & 1776, as she has always been informed and believes—and for the proof of his service she refers to the testimony of Silvanus Halsey and Jonathan Tuthill whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Baker on the fifth day of October seventeen hundred and eighty—that the family record of said marriage is hereunto annexed and is in the following words & figures to wit, “October ye 5 1780 marryed Molly Anderson Burnham a second wife” which said record is in the hand writing of of [sic] the said Thomas Baker—that the said record has always been kept in the possession of herself and husband—that she was married to the said Thomas Baker by the Rev’d Samuel Buell Pastor of the church and congregation in the town of Easthampton County of Suffolk and State of New York—that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Baker died on the twenty seventh day of November eighteen hundred and twenty five—that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four (viz, at the time above stated), and she further declares that she has not been married since the death of her said husband Thomas Baker deceased—

She further declares that she has often heard her said husband tell of being in the service on Montauk on the East End of Long Island—and of his being on the West End of Long Island in 1776 when the Island was given up and crossing to New York and of his being at a Fort up the Hudson River – where the British fired upon the fort. (Signed) Molly A. Baker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 April 1839. H. Halsey, First Judge Suff. Co.

Letter in file dated September 24, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Thomas Baker, Lieutenant of Artillery from Suffolk County, New York.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, R.26255, based upon the service of Thomas Baker in the War of the Revolution.

Thomas Baker was born May 24, 1742, place not stated, nor were the names of his parents given. Thomas Baker was a resident of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, during the Revolution.

Thomas Baker married, date not given, Jane, who was born August 30, 1843; her maiden name was not shown, nor was it stated when she died. He married October 5, 1780 in East Hampton, New York, Molly Anderson Burnham, who was born June 6, 1761, place not given, nor were the names of her parents shown. Thomas Baker died November 27, 1825, in East Hampton, New York.

His widow, Molly A. Baker, applied for pension April 26, 1839, then a resident of East Hampton, New York.

It was alleged that Thomas Baker was a lieutenant from sometime in July, 1775, until sometime in December, 1775 in Captain Ezekiel Mulford's New York company and that he was a second lieutenant from sometime in June, 1776 in Captain David Pierson's company, Colonel Drake's New York regiment, was in the battle of White Plains, and from there went to Fort Washington, from there "came home lame", having served about six months.

The claim was not allowed as proof of service as required by the pension law was not furnished.

The widow, Molly A. Baker, died between January 11, 1840 and January 20, 1845, definite date not given.

The following are the names of the children of Thomas Baker, and his wife, Jane.

Thomas born January 29, 1763.

Jeremiah born December 25, 1765.

Abigail born May 1, 1767.

Jane born October 7, 1769.

2<sup>nd</sup> Abigail born February 5, 1772.

Conkling born August 9, 1774.

Mary born September 8, 1776.

Phebe born December 29, 1778.

The following are the names of the children of Thomas Baker, and his wife, Molly A.—

A daughter still born April 1, 1781.

Betsy born April 1, 1782.

Nantcy or Nancy born January 19, 1784 or 1786.

Nancy Hedges, daughter of Thomas Baker, gave her age in 1839, fifty-three years, she was then a resident of East Hampton, New York.

The widow, Molly A, Baker, left at her death several grandchildren, their names were not designated.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible data relative to family.