

Pension Application for Philip Becker

S.12191

State of New York
Schoharie County SS.

On this third day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of common Pleas in the county of Schoharie now sitting, Philip Becker a resident of the town of Cobels Kill in said county of Schoharie aged 69 years or upward, 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 7, 1836 that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein stated.

That he the said Philip Becker enlisted in Stone Arabia [Stone Arabia] now the town of Palatine in Montgomery County for the term of nine months on the first of April 1781 in the company commanded by Capt. Garret Putman (1), in Colonel Willett regiment of the State Troops of the State of New York, that he served out his term of Enlistment faithfully, at the Mohawk river, in fort hunder, [Fort Hunter] and fort Herkimer in now Herkimer county, and in that vicinity, that he was honorably discharged from this service by captain Putman in fort Plaine [Fort Plain] in the State of New York.

That he the said Philip Becker enlisted again for the term of nine months, in the spring in the year 1782 in the company commanded by captain McKee (2), in the regiment commanded by colonel Willet of the State troops, of New York. Served his term of enlistment out faithfully at the Mohawk river in fort Blank [Fort Plank] and at the German flats, and in that Vicinity, that he was honorably discharged at fort Blank by Major Vanday [Fonda] (3) of Colonel Willet regiment in the State of New York. That he the said Philip Becker testifies, that he did all the aforesaid, served in Colonel Willet regiment of the State troops in the line of the State of the State [sic] of New York.

That he the said Philip Becker, search and inquired about in order to obtain witnesses to prove the Services and [?] but he could not find any or the amount witnesses they [?] death or moved away to another [?] that he has no record of his age, but that he has been informed and believes the same to be true, that he is 69 years old or upward, that he formerly lived at the Mohawk river now Montgomery county and now about 17 years at Cobel Kill in the county of Schoharie in the State of New York, 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.

Sworn and Subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. (Signed with his mark) Philip Becker.

[?] in open court, John Gebhard Jr. Clk.

The court proposed the following interrogatories on the said Philip Becker the applicant for a Pension he saith on his oath that he was informed by his father and matters that he was born in Stone Arabia now Montgomery County by information that he was born in Stone Arabia in the year 1763.

2 That he has no record of his age;

3d The he lived on the Mohawk River when he Enlisted in Captain Putman company in the State troops in Col. Willet Regiment; saith that he lived on the Mohawk River when he enlisted in Captain McKie company Col Willet Regt State troops of the State of New York;

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, saith on the first enlistment he was discharged by captain Putman by word and on the second enlistment by Major Vanday by word as he has stated in his Declaration; state the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and belief said John Warton, Esquire; Jacob C. Skilman, William Smith, David Young and John Young, Esquire.

Reply dated January 21, 1931, to an inquiry for information.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.12191 that Philip Becker was born in 1763 in Stone Arabia, New York.

While a resident of Stone Arabia, later Palatine, Montgomery County, New York, he enlisted April 1, 1781 and served nine months as a private in Captain Garret Putman's Company, Colonel Willett's New York Regiment. He enlisted in the spring, 1782, and served nine months in Captain McKee's Company, Colonel Willett's New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on the application executed October 3, 1832, while a resident of Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York, where he had moved from Montgomery County, about seventeen years previously.

It is not stated that soldier ever married.

End Notes—Philip Becker (Barker, Backer, Baker) – S12191

1. Philip is listed as Philip Barker in Captain Putman's Company payroll for 1781. Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 1731, National Archives, Washington DC.
2. There was no Captain McKee in Colonel Willett's Regiment in any years. There was a Captain Robert McKean in Colonel Willett's Regiment in 1781 but he was killed on July 10, 1781.
3. I believe he is referring to Lieutenant Jellis A. Fonda who served also as Adjutant in Colonel Willett's Regiment from May of 1781 to November 1782. On November 7, 1782, Fonda was appointed a Captain in Colonel Willett's Regiment. Philip did serve as a private in Captain Rudolph Kock's (Koch, Cook) Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia.