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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., _____, 19____

In reply to your request of _____, received _____
for a statement of the military history of Abraham Becker
a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired
information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-
sion on file in this Bureau.

S. J. 12994.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
April 1 1776	9 mos.	Put.	Marcellus.	Gansevoort	N. Y.
April 1777	9 mos.		Alexander Harper	John Harper	
May 1 1778	7 mos.		Jacob Heger.	Peter Vrooman.	
Apr 1 1781 or 1782	9 mos.		Gray	Dubois Tanschaick	

Battles engaged in, none stated.
Residence of soldier at enlistment, Charlotte, Tryon Co. N. Y.
Date of application for pension, June 19 1833 His Claim was allowed.
Residence at date of application, Worcester, Otsego Co. N. Y.
Age at date of application, born near Hackensack, N. J. in 1750
Remarks: Name of soldier's father is not given. It is not stated whether
soldier was ever married

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

3-2856 Sister Catharine Flamberg.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office,

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of Abraham Becker Otsego County New York

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and ranks of the Field officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
Vol. Spring 1776	-	9	-	private	Cap. Marcellus, Col. Farnsworth,	83 years Troy County New York	Traditionary evidence & three Witnesses. certified credible papers Court.
Vol. Sept. 1777	-	9	-	"	Cap. Harper, Col. Harper		
Vol. Spring 1778	-	7	-	"	Cap. Hagen, Col. Vrooman		
Enlisted. April 1782	-	9	-	"	Cap. Gray, Col. Van Schoick		

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

That Col DuRois of Catskill had Command
of a Regiment at Fort Mifflin at the time
he the said Alexander Barker was Stationed
at that place - Genl Schuyler was at Fort
Georg several times, recollects well of seeing
him there and at Ticonderoga - He was
not engaged in any Battle during said nine months -
and when he was discharged, he returned home to
his father on the Charlotte -

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And he further states that in the
Month of April 1777 he again Volunteered
into a Company of Militia commanded by
Capt Alexander Harper and Lieutenant
Bartholomew in a Regiment Commanded
by Col. John Harper - for the period of nine
Months - That he joined the Company on the
Charlotte and within a few days thereafter Capt
Harper's Company took Joshua & trader Daniel
Tories then residing on the Charlotte, and
who were harboring and had joined with
the Indians in opposition to the Revolution
That Capt. Harper's Company took said
Tories as far as Cherry Valley and there
delivered them over to the Committee of
Safety to be conveyed to Johnstown Jail -
and Capt Harper's Company return back to
Charlotte and remained there Stationed at Capt
Bartholomew's for a considerable time now
say cannot precisely recollect - from the Charlotte
was Marched to Brakebeens on the Schoharie
Kill and was there Stationed for some
time, cannot exactly recollect - Also was
Stationed at Turroughs now Sharon in Schoharie
County - and at Harper's field Delaware
County during this nine months service

and in the fall of the year ~~the~~ he and the soldiers under
Capt Harper assisted in building the Forts in
Schokarie which were erected this season
and he the said Abraham Becker was stationed
at the upper Fort for some time cannot say
how long, but well recollects of marching to
Harper's field and was there discharged
by Col. Harper at the expiration of the
said Nine months service - and at this time the
snow was about six inches deep - and
he further saith that during this nine months service
his father and family removed from the Charlotte
to Schokarie near the upper fort - and on
receiving his discharge he went to his father's
house and continued there through the

Winter -
and the said Abraham Becker further declares
that in the Spring of the year 1778 he volunteered
at Schokarie into a Company of Militia
commanded by Capt Jacob Hager in
Col. Peter Kroomen's Regiment - he
went into the service at this time as early as
the first of May and continued in actual
service in said Company until between
Christmas and New Year - during this season
Col. Harper went to Albany to obtain assistance
to repel the Indians and Tories who were destroy-
ing every thing that came in their way -
Col. Harper obtained a Company of Light
Horse at Albany and came back to
Schokarie and the enemy were driven
back - was well acquainted with Col. Kroomen
and Col. Hager - during this year he was frequently
out in hunting parties in Cobleskill, and
the country in the region of the forts - and
he further states that he was in the service this year
at least seven months -

- of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and Eighty. [1780] (the particular day
in said month of June he this deponent does
not distinctly recollect, but recollects distinctly
that it was in the month of June from the
fact that farmers were then Engaged in
hoing corn, he this deponent was regularly
Enrolled as a militiaman in a company
Commanded by Jacob Hager as
Commandant, and Peter Swart and
Cornelius Feck as first and second
Lieutenants in said company - this
deponent does not now recollect that all
of the officers in said company resided at
that time in the said place called Roman
Land in the said County of Albany -

That Peter Roman was Colonel of the
Regiment to which said company was
attached - That in the said month of
June in the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and Eighty (1780) and
immediately after he this deponent was
regularly Enrolled in said company
as aforesaid, the said company ~~under the~~
~~company~~ under the command of the said
Jacob Hager as commandant were
called out to perform duty and -

- Stationed at the Fort called the "Upper Fort" in Roman Land in the said County of Albany, now County of Schoharie as aforesaid in the defence of the country against the invasions and incursions of Indians and Tories. That said company were stationed at said fort from the said month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty (1780) untill the first part of the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two (1782) This deponent further declares that he faithfully served as a private soldier in said militia company at said fort from the said month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty (1780) untill the first part of the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two (1782) That in the first part of the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two (1782) he this deponent while on duty as a private soldier in said company at said Fort was taken Prisoner by a party of -

June '80

June '82

Prisoners

-Indians, and conveyed by them on foot to Niagara in the Canadas and retained by them as a prisoner until the summer of the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four as this deponent thinks - this deponent recollects distinctly that he was a prisoner for about the period of two years among the Indians, and then was discharged from such imprisonment and returned home after the war had ceased. This deponent further declares and distinctly sets forth that from the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty (1780) until the time he was taken prisoner as aforesaid he faithfully served the Country as a soldier for at least the period of one year and eleven months - this period and duration of service this deponent can positively attest to - and further that after he was taken prisoner as aforesaid he was in the actual custody and detention of the Indians at Niagara for at least the period of one year and nine months, that this period and duration of his imprisonment by and among the Indians he can positively attest to -

State of New York
Otsego County

I, *J. S.* Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County. Abraham Becker known to me to be the same person who subscribed his name to, and made the original Declaration hereunto annexed, who being duly sworn by me doth depose and say. That he served as a private in Capt. Marsellus Company in Col. Gauseworts Regiment, commencing on the first of April 1776 and continued until January 1777, making the full period of nine months as set forth in his original declaration. 2^d That he served as a private in Capt. Alexander Harpers Company of Militia in Col. Harpers Regiment commencing in April 1777 and continued until the winter of 1778, and until the full expiration of nine months, as specified in his said original declaration. 3^d That he served in Capt. Hagers Company in Col. Wroonans Regiment of Militia, commencing the first of May 1778, and continued for the period of seven months, as is also mentioned in his said original declaration. 4th And that he served in a Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Gray, for the period of nine months, which service terminated in the beginning of the winter next previous to the conclusion of Peace. and whether this nine months service was in the year 1781 or 1782 he cannot positively state.

And the said Abraham Becker further states that the services rendered by him as above stated, were all rendered under the Officers of the Government, called into the service by competent authority, and with troops embodied and in the service of the Revolution. That he was not engaged in any civil employment of any kind or nature whatsoever at any or either of the times that he was a Soldier and in the service of the Revolution as above stated.

And he further states that during the time he was in the service in the year 1778 in Capt. Hagers Company of Militia in Col. Wroonans Regiment he was stationed at the Forts in Schoharie, and generally at the upper fort and was for the most part of the time in Garrison, but was frequently out in scouting parties in search of the Indians and Tories that were lurking about the wilderness in the region of the forts.

And he further states that when he last served in the year 1781 or 1782 he was stationed at the Middle Fort on the Schoharie Creek and was in Garrison at said Fort during the said nine months service. He also saith that Col. Van Schoick had Command of the Troops at this time, which were stationed at said Fort, and also that Col. Dubois had Command of a Regiment of Militia stationed there at the same time. And whether Capt. Grays

Company was attached to Col. Douloin's Regiment, or to Col. Van Schoick he cannot now recollect. but he does well recollect that Col. Van Schoick who was then a Continental Officer, had the Command of the Fort and Garrison =

And he further saith that the Officers under whom he served as stated in his original declaration, and in this Amendment thereto, are all dead according to the best information that he can obtain and as he verily believes to be true - And he also saith that he has no knowledge of any person now living whose testimony he can obtain to prove his said services, except the depositions of the persons, which are annexed to his original declaration = That he has made diligent enquiries and search for the purpose of finding such persons as he could recollect, that served with him in the Revolution, but was not be able to ascertain or find any such person except as above stated - and he further states that from old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot declare more positively to the names of the Officers who were with the troops where he served, or the general circumstances of his said services -

Abraham ^{his} Becker
New York

Subscribed & sworn to before
me the 30th day of August
1833 -

Seth Chase a Judge
of Otsego County

State of New York

Otsego County

I Horace Lathrop Clerk of the said
County, Do hereby certify that Seth Chase
whose name is subscribed to the above amended declaration
of the said Abraham Becker, was at the date of the
same one of the Judges of Otsego County Courts, and that
I am acquainted with the ^{writing} hand of the said Seth Chase
and verily believe the signature "Seth Chase a
Judge of Otsego County" to be genuine - In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of
Office the 5th day of September 1833

Horace Lathrop. Clerk.

State of New York
Otsego County ss:

On this 19th day of June A.D. 1833
Personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the
Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Otsego
aforesaid now sitting, Abraham Becker a resident
of the Town of Worcester in the County of Otsego and
State of New York aged Eighty three 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 early in the Spring of the year 1776 he the said
Abraham Becker volunteered and enlisted into a
Company commanded by Capt Marcellus of the
City of Albany in the State of New York in Col.
Gauseworts Regiment for the period of nine months at
this time he resided with his father on the Charlottel in
the County of Tryon, now Otsego County in the State
of New York. He volunteered at Schoharie and
immediately went to Albany where he joined
Capt Marcellus's Company, and which was as early
as the first of April in the year 1776 - and he
further saith that he remained with said Company
in the City of Albany about one month, and then marched
in said Company to Fort George, and was there
stationed and continued in actual service for the
full period of nine months and was then discharged
and received a discharge in writing signed by
Capt Marcellus - but which has been lost or
destroyed for a great number of years past -
and he further saith that some part of
Col. Gauseworts Regiment was stationed at
Skeensburgh, some part at Ticondaraoga
and at Fort George - that he was frequently
at Ticondaraoga during the said nine months
service - and was frequently out in scouting
parties in different directions - recollects

and in the fall of the year ~~the~~ he and the soldiers under
Capt Harper assisted in building the Forts in
Schokarie which were erected this season
and he the said Abraham Becker was stationed
at the upper Fort for some time cannot say
how long, but well recollects of marching to
Harper's field and was there discharged
by Col. Harper at the expiration of the
said nine months service - and at this time the
snow was about six inches deep - and
he further saith that during this nine months service
his father and family removed from the Charlotte
to Schokarie near the upper fort - and on
receiving his discharge he went to his father's
house and continued there through the

Winter -
and the said Abraham Becker further declares
that in the Spring of the year 1778 he volunteered
at Schokarie into a Company of Militia
commanded by Capt Jacob Hager in
Col. Peter Kroomen's Regiment - he
went into the service at this time as early as
the first of May and continued in actual
service in said Company until between
Christmas and New Year - during this season
Col. Harper went to Albany to obtain assistance
to repel the Indians and Tories who were destroy-
ing everything that came in their way -
Col. Harper obtained a Company of Light
Horse at Albany and came back to
Schokarie and the enemy were driven
back - was well acquainted with Col. Kroomen
and Col. Hager - during this year he was frequently
out in hunting parties in Cobleskill, and
the country in the region of the forts - and
he further states that he was in the service this year
at least seven months -

and the said Abraham Baker further declares
that he enlisted into a Company of Militia
Commanded by Capt Gray in Col. Van Schoicks
Regiment - the first of April 1782 for the
Period of Nine Months and was Stationed
with said Company in said Regiment
at the Middle fort on the Schoharie Kill
and continued there in actual service for
the full Period of Nine Months and
was then Marched to Schenectady and
discharged from the service - was
frequently out in scouting parties during
this nine months service - until
recollects that Col Dubois was Stationed at
Schoharie at this same time - recollects
that Horn Baker was a Lieutenant
in Capt Grays Company -
and that when he was discharged from this nine
Months service he received a written discharge
but cannot recollect by whom it was signed, and
the same has been lost or destroyed for a great
Number of years -

and he further declares that he was Born
in New Jersey nigh Hackensack in the
year 1730 -

that he has no record of his Age to his Knowledge or
belief.

that he was being when first called into service at
the Charlotte as above stated - and also the
second time he went into the service as above
stated and during the remainder of his service
and until the close of the War he Resided at
Schoharie in the State of New York -

The Manner of his being called into service is as above
stated - and that he never served as a Substitute for
any Person -

The names of the officers who were with the Troops when
he served are as fully set forth as the same can
now be recalled -

That since the Revolution he resided in Coeymans
in Albany - also in Upper Canada - from which
place he removed to Worcester in the County of
Otsego New York where he now resides -
That he received written discharges from the
service at the times and in the manner
above stated - and which have been lost
or destroyed -

and he further declares that he is known to
Mr ^{Abram} Flansburgh ^{Esq} and Jacob P. Becker
who reside in his present neighborhood
and who can testify as to his character for
veracity and their belief of his services as
a Soldier of the Revolution -

And he further declares that he has no documentary
evidence and that he knows of no person whose
testimony he can procure who can testify
to his services except the testimony of Jacob
France and Catharine Flansburgh
which is hereto annexed - and also
that there is not any Clergyman residing in his
neighborhood, or in the Section where he
resides, wherefore he cannot procure the
testimony of a Clergyman in compliance with
the instructions from the War Department -

And the said Abram Becker 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 - and he the said Abram Becker

further saith that by reason of old age and the consequent
loss of memory he cannot give a more positive
as to the precise length of service than as herein
before set forth - and further saith that

Sworn to and Subscribed } Abraham ^{his} Becker
the day and year aforesaid } Mark
in open Court.

Horace Lathrop, Clerk.

State of New York }
Otsego County } Personally appeared before me Catharine
Flanburgh aged sixty nine years,
who being duly sworn doth depose and say that
she is a sister of Abraham Becker who has
subscribed his name to the above declaration -
and that she is of the age above stated - and
she further saith that at the commencement of the
Revolutionary War her father and family resided
on the Charlotte in the then County of Tryon, and
now the County of Otsego the State of New York -
That at the commencement of the War the
said Abraham Becker left home and
went into the service and was gone from
home for a considerable time, thinks
nearly one year, well recollects that it
was then said that he was at Fort George, and
when he returned home heard him state and tell
over his services, and that he had been at Fort
George in the service as a soldier - during the
absence of the said Abraham Becker at this time
she the said Catharine resided at home with her
father - and was there when he returned from
the Army, and she then believed and now believes
that he was in the service at Fort George the
first time he went into the Army

And the said Catharine ~~flamslung~~ saith that he the
 said Abraham Becker did not remain long at home
 after returning from the Army the first time before
 he again went into the service - that her father
 and his family removed from the Charlotte to Moharie
 the same year the Forts were built, and before the
 upper fort was finished - went first to the
 Middle Fort and after the upper Fort was
 finished removed to the upper Fort - well
 recollects that this year she see the said Abraham
 Becker ~~at~~ the Forts, and understood him to
 be in the service: and has no doubt but
 he was actually engaged in the service as a
 soldier at the time - and she further states that
 her father resided at Moharie according to her
 best recollection nearly two years - and that
 he the said Abraham Becker was engaged in
 the service for the most part of the time while she
 and her father and family resided in Moharie as
 above stated - and she the said Catharine further saith
 that she resides in Harpersfield in the County of
 Delaware State of New York within a short distance
 of the residence of him the said Abraham Becker
 and further saith not -

Sworn to and subscribed before
 me the 15th day of June
 1833 - Seth Chase a judge
 of Otsego County

Her
 Catharine Flamslung
 Mark

I Certify that I am acquainted with Catharine Flamslung who is
 subscribed and sworn to the above affidavit, and that she is a credible
 witness and her statements entitled to full credit
 Seth Chase a judge
 of Otsego County

State of New York }
 Otsego County } P. John Flamslung of the Town of
 and State of New York being duly sworn
 doth depose and say that he is now

I Certify that I am well acquainted with John Flambsurg who hath subscribed
and sworn to this affidavit before me, is a Credible Witness, and his
statements entitled to full credit & belief.
Seth Chase a Judge of Otsego County

Seventy years of age, that he became acquainted with the said Abraham Becker who has signed the above declaration immediately after the War of the Revolution and with his father and family and that he has been acquainted with him ever since that time - And he further states that he well recollects of hearing the said Abraham Becker soon after the War of the Revolution state that he had been a soldier in the service of the Country. and heard him relate over many circumstances and facts connected with his service which satisfied him, this deponent that the said Abraham Becker had actually been a soldier - and he further states that he believes the said Abraham Becker to be Eighty three years of age. that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution. and that he concurs in that opinion. and further that said Abraham Becker sustains a fair character for truth and veracity, and his statements are entitled to full credit & belief - and further saith NOT -

Sworn to and subscribed
before me the 15th day of } John + Flambsurg
June A.D 1833 - } Mark
Seth Chase a Judge
of Otsego County

State of New York }
Otsego County } Jacob P. Becker of the Town of Worcester
being duly sworn doth depose and say that he is well acquainted with Abraham Becker who has subscribed his name to the above declaration and that I believe him to be eighty three years

of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that I concur in that opinion - And I further certify that he the said Abraham Baker sustains a good Character for truth and veracity and his statements are entitled to full credit and belief -

~~Given to the Subscriber
before me the 15 day
of June 1833~~

And the said Abraham Baker further states and declares in answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War department in manner following that is to say

- 1st I was Born in the State of New Jersey nigh Hackensack in the year 1750
- 2^d I have no Record of my age -
- 3^d I was living at Charlotte in the County of Otsego New York and at Schoharie in the County of Schoharie when called into service - That since the Revolution I have resided at Coeymans in the County of Albany New York - Also in the Province of Upper Canada - And on the Charlotte in the Town of Worcester in the County of Otsego New York where I now reside
- 4th I Volunteered at each time I was called into service, and never served as a Substitute for any person -
- 5th I have stated the names of the Officers who were with the Troops where I served in my original declaration herewith annexed as fully as I recollect the same and also the general circumstances of my service I have therein stated as fully as I now recollect the same

6th I Received a written discharge from the first nine
Months service performed in the year 1776 signed
by Capt Marcellus in whose Company I served
I also received a written discharge from the
nine months service performed in the year
1782 but by whom it was signed I cannot recollect
both of which said discharges have been lost for many
years.

7th I am acquainted with John Flansburgh
Jacob P. ^{with Abraham Becker} Becker of my present neighborhood
who can testify to my Character for Veracity
and their belief of my services as a Soldier
of the Revolution Abraham ^{his} Becker
Sworn & subscribed in open Court June 19. 1833. mark

Horace Lathrop, Clerk.

8th Abraham Becker Counsellor at Law residing in the Town
of Worcester Otsego County New York, and Jacob P.
Becker residing in the same Town hereby certify
that we are well acquainted with Abraham
Becker who has subscribed and sworn to the
above declaration. that we believe him to be Eighty
three years of age - that he is reputed and believed
in the neighborhood where he resides to have
been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we
concur in that opinion Abraham Becker

Sworn & subscribed the day
and year aforesaid.
in open Court.

Jacob P. Becker

Horace Lathrop, Clerk.

State of New York
Otsego County
I, Horace Lathrop, Clerk of the said County do
hereby certify, that Seth Chase, before whom the preceding
Affidavits of Katherine Flansburgh, & John Flansburgh, purport
to have been severally sworn was, at the date of the same, one of
the Judges of Otsego County Courts. And that I am acquainted
with his hand writing, and verily believe his name subscribed
to the said Affidavits to be his proper hand writing and
signature. Witness my hand & Seal of Office this 22nd day of June 1833
Horace Lathrop, Clerk.