

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dempsey Baker R408

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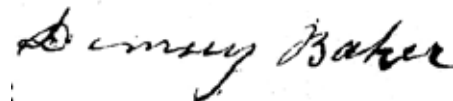
Georgia Marion County

On this the 14th day of March in the year 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Grigsley E. Thomas Judge of the Superior Courts of the Chattahoochee Circuit now sitting for the County aforesaid Dempsey Baker a resident of the County aforesaid in said State aged nearly Seventy years who being 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 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the Summer of 1782, that he joined the service under Captain William Walton, and rendezvoused at Winton in Hertford County where he was attached to Captain Benjamin Bailey's Company under Major Dixon who wrought us to General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] headquarters at Ashley Hill on Ashley River in South Carolina. The company was then broken up, to fill out other companies, and I was attached to Captain Benjamin Carter's Company, under Major Blount [Reading Blount] in Colonel Litle's Archibald Lytle's] Regiment under General Greene, from Ashley Hill we went to James Island near Charleston South Carolina where we stayed till peace was made. I entered the Service for eighteen months as a volunteer, or as a draft was to be made from the company. I entered without a draft, and as it was said in those days, cleared my class of a draft. Peace however being made I was discharged at the end of Twelve months. I received a discharge from Colonel Litle but it is worn out and gone long since. He however subjoins the deposition of Sampson Cofield to prove his services, and corroborate this declaration. I was born in Bertie County North Carolina in May 26 day A.D. 1764 and lived in said County 46 years from whence I moved to Hancock County Georgia from thence to Jasper County from thence to bed County and from thence to Marion County where I have lived twelve months. 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 to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Grigsly E. Thomas, Judge

S/ Dempsey Baker



Georgia Marion County: Personally appeared in open Court Sampson Cofield who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that the foregoing declaration of Dempsey Baker so far as it relates to services rendered in the Revolutionary War in behalf of the United States is

correct, and that he was personally cognizant of the same. Sworn to & subscribed this ___ March 1834

[no indication that this affidavit was actually signed]

[Eliab Jones and Mark Richardson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

It is proper that a reference is made to Sampson Cofield's testimony, and as his affidavit is not filled up, I should account for it. Mr. Cofield came with the applicant to me to testify to the truth of applicant's statement when he first applied to me to draw up his declaration; I informed him it would be necessary to be at the Superior Court, which would shortly sit in this County when the whole could be regularly authenticated; he however left this state before the court for South or North Carolina, and as he is a [indecipherable word]¹ of wandering old man it is very uncertain when, if ever, he will come back. It is therefore out of the power of Mr. Baker to procure his testimony

S/Wiley Williams

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Dempsey Baker a private in Captain Bailey's Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service the 10th day of September 1782, for the term of 18 months, and deserted 21st June 1783.

Given under my hand this 21st day of May 1834

S/ Wm Hill