

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Baker R412                      Frances Baker    VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 6 Mar 2017.

New Kent County, State of Virginia To wit.

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 1818, before us the subscribers justices of the Peace and judges of the county court of New Kent aforesaid, personally appears Richard Baker aged 58 years resident in the county of Henrico in the State afores'd who being by us first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War. That he the said Richard Baker enlisted in the service of the U. States in the State of Virginia the first Virginia Regiment to the South on Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said corps or in the service of the United States until 1783 when he was discharg'd from service near Charleston in the State of S. Carolina That he was in the battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] Cambden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] and at the siege of Little York [Yorktown VA, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – and that he is in reduc'd circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit forwarded.

We do Hereby Certefie that we have been aquante with Ric'd Baker ever sence his inlistment in the year 1778 and no that he was in the Contanantal Servis untill the end of the war, given under our Hands this 13 Day of Novem'br 1818  
John Brown      John Garner[?]

SCHEDULE

District of Virginia SS. On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Nov'r 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Henrico Richard Baker aged 62 years, a resident in Henrico County in said district, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment (Infantry) in a Company commanded by Capt. [William] Bentley in the Continental line in the revolutionary war and that his original declaration is dated the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1818 and that the number of his pension certificate is 6776 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war," passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. that he no real estate and his personal estate consists of one cow and calf necessary clothing and Bedding excepted and is by occupation a farmer and possesses but little ability to pursue it. That his Family is a wife 47 years of age, and one child five years of age that he stands in Nead of the assistance of his Country for Support

Richard hisXmark Baker

Virginia City of Richmond Sct.

In order to obtain the benefit of the 3<sup>d</sup> Section of the act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1836. – On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1837. Frances Baker, widow of Richard Baker the elder a resident of the city and State aforesaid, aged 67 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 4<sup>th</sup> 1836. That she is the widow of Richard Baker the elder deceased, who she believes enlisted for, and served under Captain Joseph Scott, three years as a private in the War of the revolution. he then

enlisted for the War, in the Cavalry and served to the end of said war, in Blands [Theodorick Bland's], afterwards Colonel William Washington's Regiment, and was wounded in one of his legs by a fall from his horse, when the horse was shot under him and killed. He served two tours in the Militia in the last war [of 1812], as a substitute, the first at Norfolk for three months under Captain Anthony Turner, and the second at Camp Holley under the command of Captain Samuel Jones for nine months, my husband was placed upon the pension list at eight dollars per months, and drew his money to the period of his death, which happened on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of December 1827. He left two children, a son Richard who was of lawful age, and a daughter Elizabeth, who was under the age of sixteen years old when her father died. She further declares that she was lawfully married to the said Richard Baker in the month of July 1810 and that he died on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of December 1827 as above stated, and that she yet remains his widow, having not been married since his death, she presumes his papers are filed in the pension office and by reference to them you will probably obtain more satisfactory information than it is in my power to give or furnish.

Frances herXmark Baker

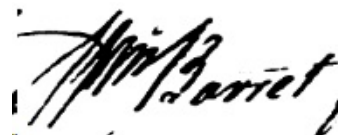
[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

It appears from a Size Roll of 2<sup>nd</sup> Troop that Rich'd Baker was enlisted for ye War in 1<sup>st</sup> Reg't of Dragoons March 1781 & serv'd the full term of his enlistment

[William Barret VAS1197] f[ormer]ly Capt.

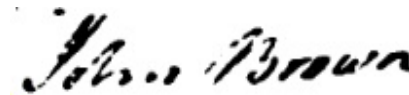
Baylors Dragoons

April 17 1785



I do hereby certify that I knew Richard Baker of New Kent County & State of Virginia to be a Soldier in the Continental Army under the command of Gen'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] 1779[?] and he did served during the war. Given under my hand the 12 day of Dec'r 1807

[John Brown S39219]



[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To the Governor and Council of Virginia

The Petition of Richard Baker son and only heir at law of Richard Baker Sen'r Dec'd by his first marriage and of Elizabeth Baker who intermarried with Richard Carter and is the only surviving heir by the said Bakers second marriage begs leave to Represent: That the said Richard and Elizabeth, are advised they are entitled to the bounty in lands due their father for services done and performed in the Revolutionary War to Wit. one hundred acres for his first enlistment and three years service in the Infantry under the command of Captain Joseph Scott and to two hundred acres for his second enlistment which was for the War, in the horse service under the command of Captain Wm Barret who belonged to Colo Wm Washingtons [William Washington's] Regiment of Dragoons which land bounties our deceased father never received. We therefore humbly ask that your honorable body may direct the Register of the Land office to issue to us the amount of Land Warrants due a private of the Continental army who served his country faithfully, and we further beg that no fee may be charged for issuing said warrants & as in duty bound we will pray &c &c

Richard hisXmark Baker

Richard Carter for himself and Elizabeth his wife

Hanover County To Wit.

This day personally appeared before me a magistrate for the said county in the county aforesaid, William Day [S39408] of the County of Charles City an old Revolutionary soldier, and made oath that he

was in time of Revolution, acquainted with Richard Baker Sen'r [undeciphered word]. That said Baker enlisted in the service of his country under Captain Joseph Scott perhaps for three years, in the infantry, he afterwards enlisted for the war in the horse service and served to the end thereof in Colo. Washington's Regiment & believed to be Capt. Wm. Barrets comp'y. It is long time since these occurrences took place and to the best of my recollection and belief the facts as above stated are true. Given under my hand this 10 day of July 1833.  
Jno Hales J.P.

I hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Richard Baker sen'r decd. That he was twice married and that he had no children by his first wife who are living except Richard (a son) who is one of the applicants for his fathers land bounty, and that he had no surviving child by his second wife except Elizabeth who married Richard Carter and is the other applicant for her fathers land Warrants which it is believed he never got. Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833  
Frances herXmark Baker

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Richard Baker/ age 18/ height 5' 8"/ "S. Carpinter" – probably ships carpenter/ born and residing in New Kent County/ light-brown hair/ gray eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 14 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

On 21 Nov 1838 Frances Baker added to her declaration the claim that Richard Baker "was wounded in one of his legs in the battle at the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], and his horse killed under him." On 1 June 1839 she declared that she married Richard Baker in July 1811, that the first two of their three children died while young, and the third, Elizabeth, was born 8 Nov 1815. She also stated that the child named Richard was from his previous marriage. Her claim for a federal pension was not allowed because she was married after the date specified by law.