

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Baker ¹ R430
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Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838

State of North Carolina, Ashe County:

On this 7th day of December 1851 personally appeared before James Gambill a Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Ashe and the State aforesaid Molly Baker a resident of Ashe County in the State of North Carolina aged Eighty-three years old who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed on the 7th July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows she is the widow of Thomas Baker deceased the identical person named in the foregoing declaration who was a private in the company commanded by Captain William Nall and in the North Carolina Regiment of militia commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and Colonel Benjamin Cleveland and the service of the revolutionary war that he the above mentioned Thomas Baker deceased had entered as a volunteer in the County of Wilkes in the State aforesaid for the term of 18 months and continued in actual service in said war for the time of 18 months and was honorably discharged in the State above named not now recollect being name of the place where he was discharged and according to the Best of my recollection he was discharged by General Rutherford as I was informed by my husband the above mentioned Thomas Baker Deceased he was honorably discharged on or about the year ___ and that he is the said Thomas Baker deceased belonged to the Chatham militia in the State aforesaid & was informed by him my husband the aforesaid Thomas Baker deceased has informed the affiant that he was in 18 or 20 engagements against the Tories and some of the engagements was very severe and he was in great danger of losing of his life though [indecipherable word]² (and I the said Molly Baker was married to the aforesaid Thomas Baker deceased on the 20th day of March in the year 1786 married in the County of Wilkes in the State aforesaid my name before her said marriage was Molly Cantrell she the said Molly Cantrell now Baker was married by publication without any Bonds for license marriages) I have no record of my marriage in existence nor no record of my children[']s] ages in existence (my husband the aforesaid Thomas Baker deceased died on the 14th day of March 1831 aged 66 years old at the time of [sic] he died in the County and State aforesaid and that she the said Molly Baker as remained a widow ever as the death of the above mentioned Thomas Baker deceased and still remains a widow as will appear by reference to proof hereunto annexed.

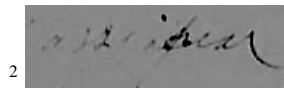
Sworn to and subscribed to on the day and year first above written before me.

Test:

S/ Molley Baker, X her makr

S/ James Gambill, JP

¹ BLWt45593-160-55



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[On December 7, 1851, Nancy Gambill, 91, of Ashe County, NC gave testimony as to the marriage of Molly Cantrell to Thomas Baker and her belief of the services of Baker during the revolutionary war.]

[Likewise, Joshua Cox, 79, gave a similar affidavit: he adds that at the time he first knew the Bakers, they had two children.]

State of North Carolina, County of Ashe: Amended Declaration of Mrs. Molly Baker

On this 31st day of August A.D. 1854, personally appeared before me James Gambill a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Molly Baker who after being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Thomas Baker, late of the County and State aforesaid, who was a soldier of the War of the Revolution – That her said husband – Served in said war under Captain William Nall & Captain Martin Gambill under the command of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland – That for all the she claims that her said husband the said Thomas Baker served two or three years or upwards – She states that her said husband died in said County on the 1st day of March 1831 – That she was married to her said husband on the 20th day of March 1787 – That she has no record of her age but that from the best information she has & she believes herself to be about 85 years of age – That her said husband was much older than herself That he lived in the County of Wilkes State of N. C. -- in time of the war of the Revolution – and was a nephew of the late Captain Martin Gambill – and that she was married to the said Thomas Baker in the County of Wilkes State of N. C. by one William Nall a justice of the peace and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her said husband – and is still a widow.

S/ Milly Baker, X her mark