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Pension Application of Glover Baker S10351

VA

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To the Honorable the general assembly of virginia

The petition of Glover Baker Humbly Sheweth that some time in the yeare one thousand seven hundred & seventy six he Listed a soldier and Entered into he service of his Country under a Capt John Morton of Princeedward county [sic: Prince Edward County] and Marched from virginia in the fourth Ridgment Commanded by Coln [Robert] Lawson into the state of Pensylvania to the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] whare he Received a wound in one of his Rists from a Musket ball which broke both the Bones he Continued several monthes in the servis afterwords and Received a Regular Discharge but was never able after word to do any Duty and for several years after your pertitioner being Inhopes that his arm wold gether strength and not being willing to become Chargeble to his Country solong as he cold procure a living other ways was the Reason why your petitioner did not apply sooner but your petitioner was very much Disappointed in his hopes for as he grows older his arm grows weaker in such a degree that your petitioner is intirely unable to support himself by Labour your petitioner tharefore Humbly pray your Honorable Body will Take his Case under Consederation & place him on the List of pencheners & your petitioner as in Duty bound will Ever pray &c

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[The following are from the federal pension file.]

To the Honourable House of Representatives of Congress of the United States

Petition

Of glover Baker of Bedford County and State of Virginia Who served as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War under Captain John Holcombe of the 4th Rigmment of Virginia Regulars in OUR glorious Struggle with Great Britain at the ever memorable Battle of Brandywine, which after being Repulsed was Wounded in the Arm the effect of which increasing with his Age has almost Rendered him incapable of procuring a livelihood by Manuel labour and not having anything Else to depend on lays him under the necessity of praying the patronage of this honourable house as well as that of his Country whom he has spilt his Blood to serve, tho he has with honour strove for thirty one years to procure his living without calling on the benevolence of his country, but groaning under the infirmities of old age and the Effects of two Broken Bones occasion'd. by a Musket ball in the aforementioned battle compels him to the Dire necessity of solicit the gratitude of his Country, most earnestly hoping the compassion of their honourable house will be moved to relieve a Veteran who has fought and bled to procure the Independence of his Country which God preserve —

We whose names are hereunto annex being acquainted with the aforesaid Glover Baker and knowing the above to be true do consider him Justly Entitled to the patronage of his Country

John B Bowen

Newbury Stockton

Joseph Folks

Daniel Stockton

Larry Branon

I Certify that Glover Baker was a Soldier in my Company and that he demeaned himself as a good Soldier and that he Received a wound in his arm at the action of Brandy Wine – for some years he has removed a considerable distance from me – if his situation as is described in the within Pet'o. is true I think he is entitled to the patronage of his Country
J Holcombe [John Holcombe]
Capt in the 4th Virg'a. Reg't. while in service

I do Certify that I have been acquainted with Glover Baker for nearely thirty years & when I first new him he wold frequently complain of a wound he Received in the battle at Brandywine in our Last war by a musket ball in one of his Rists from the scar the ball appears to have went through neare the Joint & from the appearance must have Broke both bones which he says was the case & as he advances in years his wound still appears to disable him worse so that by what I have seen myself & hearn from others he is not able to Labour sufficient to support himself
Sam Hancock September the 1st 1809
Bedford County virginia

Bedford County virg'a.

In the years 1776 and 1777 I was annexed to the 5th virg'a Reg't of regulars in the Brigade of Gen'l Mulenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. In which time I did know Glover Baker to be a soldier in Capt Holcombs Com'y in the 4th virg'a Reg't [page torn] Brigade of Gen'l. Scott s'd Baker and self ware both at the Battle of Brandywine in which the said Glover Baker received a wound in his Arm which renders him unable to suport himself by Labour I think he is Intitled to the patronage of his Country
my hand this 4th Day of Sept In the Year of Lord 1809 and XXX4th American Independanc
Wm. Ewing [William Ewing] Late a Maj'r in 10th Virg'a Reg't. Militia

I do Certify that I have been acquainted with Glover Baker for nearly thirty years, & when I first new him he frequently complain'd of a wound received in the Battle of Brandywine, in our last War, by a Musket ball in one of his wrists, from the Scare the ball must have went thourgh, which he says was the case & as he advances in years I am satisfied it may still disable him more;

So that by what I have seen myself and heard from others he is not able to Labour sufficient, to support himself.
Joseph Dickenson 6th October 1809

Having examined Glove Baker broken arm it is my opinion his arm was broken and is hereby much ingured, and not able to endur manuel labour, and seeing certificets in his possetion shewing how he received the same
given under my hand this 29th October 1816
James Floyd

I Hereby certify that having examined Glover Bakers arm it is my opinion, his arm has been broken, which must no doubt, in a great degree disable his from manuel labour, the has certificates in his possession, which will shew how he received the wound
Given under my hand this Otb. 29 1816
J. Phillips

Virginia Sct.

At a Superior Court of Law held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 15th day of September 1818.

Glover Baker came into court and made oath that in the time of the revolutionary war he enlisted a private soldier in the regular army of the United States under Captain John Morton of Prince Edward County Virginia in the fourth Virginia Regiment in Genl. Charles Scotts brigade. That he served two years in the regular army and in the battle of Brandywine got his left arm broken. That he obtained a regular discharge. That all his papers and certificates he expects are in the war office, as he has been allowed a pension by the government of the United States of Twenty four Dollars pr. annum, to which he hereby relinquishes his claim; and that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of

his Country for support.

John H. Otey made oath in Court that Glover Baker has been for some years allowed a sum of money as one of the poor of this County and that he believes he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

This day Gover Baker your applicant came before me Nicholas Robertson a Justice of the peace for The county of Bedford and made oath that he Enlisted as a regular soldier under Capt'n John molten of prince edward County for two years in the fourth virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Robert Lawson in general Charles Scotts briggade and Enlisted in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven and in the month of January of the said year & discharged by general Charles Scott at the valley forge in the

State of pensylvania on the Thirtyeth day of Jenuary one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine Given under my Hand this 21th novb'r 1820

District of Virginia S.S. }

Bedford County SS }

On this 25th day of February 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said County Glover Baker aged Sixty Seven years resident in Bedford County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as Follows That he enlisted with Capt. John Marlow 4th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Robert Lawson in General Charles Scotts briggade and was discharged at the Valley Forge Pennsylvania that he enlisted for two years and served out his time. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any maner 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 me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. A Schedule of property Viz. that he possesses no property of any kind whatsoever and has no person living with him that he is infirm in indigent circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support. Sworn to and declared on the 25th day of February 1822 before said County Court