

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Baker S10354

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[Punctuation partly corrected]

State of Alabama } Sgt.

Tuscaloosa County & circuit }

On this eleventh day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before Anderson Greenshaw circuit Judge for the circuit Court of the County aforesaid, now sitting Samuel Baker a resident of Alabama in the county of Tuscaloosa, aged about 92 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 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he premises he is from the best sources of information he can obtain about 92 years old, though he cannot find a Register of his age, yet he has frequently seen one of his brothers, from which he transcribed his birth, that he has lost. he remembers he must have been about 13 years of age in Braddocks War [Braddock's Defeat, summer 1755] – and about thirty four, on the declaration of Independence – he was then a married man & had four children, living in the County of Fauquier [sic: Fauquier] State of Virginia. That on the first breaking out of hostilities – and he thinks a very short time after the throwing overboard the Tea [Boston Tea Party, 13 Dec 1773] – he among other Patriots united themselves in a Corps called Minute Men as Volunteers [Culpeper District Battalion, organized in the fall of 1775]; there the Capt of the Company was William Blackwell – Lieutenant William Nelson; Ensign not now distinctly recollected, – The Col of the Regiment was [Lawrence] Taliaferro & the Major named [Thomas] Marshall who was the Father of the present Chief Justice of the United States. – The first call for service was to march against the enemy at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] to which place your affiant went – not much fighting except with a boat on James River; some were running from the enemy a good many were runing to get to fight them. The call was for three months. Your affiant performed not only this duty but all others that belonged to the service in which he was engaged, which was for during the war. he knows he was frequently called upon & in some instances procured a substitute because it was inconvenient for him to attend in person. In fact he says his neighbors as well as himself stood upon the condition of soldiers ready for service at every moment. Though called out very often it did so happen he never was in any large engagement when marched to a particular point it mostly happened that either the object of the expedition was accomplished or they were called to some other place where their presence were thought more necessary. Each call was understood to be for three months, and he says generally that every call of the Government or of an officer was particularly & promptly attended to. they done all the fighting they were shewn or directed to do. this continued for the whole war. He never asked for, nor did he ever obtain a written discharge nor does he believe any of the rest of the Minute Men got one. when the war was over, they never expected pay except in Continental Money and they never expected to be advantaged from one. Altogether his service amounted by himself or substitute to about seven years.

There is no one in this country that can prove his services that he knows of; there may be some few living that know of it, but so few and distant are they from him he cannot get their attendance.

That he does not remember to have been at any time under the command of a Regular Officer. The highest officer that ever commanded while in immediate service was a Colonel.

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 Samuel hisXmark Baker

I John Baker do hereby certify that Samuel Baker did serve one tower of duty as a soldier in the revolution war but for what length of time or under whom or what year I do not recollect and do also recollect that the said Baker did hire a substitute on two other accations towit James Ford at one time and John Nickason at an other time all of which servises I know were performed in the revolution war but what particular years I do not recollect Given under my hand this 13th day of February 1834.

John Baker [of Trigg County KY]

[Robert Rogers, Sr. also of Trigg County certified similarly.]