

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William Baker S12967

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State of Kentucky } Sct.

Cumberland County }

On the [blank] day of August 1832 William Baker personally appeared in said Court, then sitting aged 68 or 9 years old, who first 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

I entered the service of the United States in Jan'y. 1779 Comanded by Capt. Barnet Marcham [probably Bernard Markham], Rendousvois'd at Osburn's [sic: Osbornes E of Chester] below Warwick [inpresent Richmond, across James River from Richmond Heights] on James River. From thence we went to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg], from thence to Cabin point [in Surry County] where we joined the Army, commanded by the Barren Stuben [sic: Gen. Baron von Steuben]; from there we went to Smithfield, from thence to Mackys Mills. I think Thos. Bowlin [sic: Thomas Bolling] Comanded the Regiment. From the Mills returned to smithfield and to Petersburg, where we were discharged; I suppose the Tower was about two months. The same year, the Militia was caled out nearly all in Chesterfield I went under the same Capt. and as well as I recollect Robt. Good [sic: Col. Robert Goode] was the Cln. We went on the north side of James River to Bottoms Bridge, and near Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg]; The Brittish lay about Norfolk or Hampton, and when their Fleet left there, we were discharged, I immagine we were on duty about six weaks.

The third Tower I took was in 1781. The Capt. I went under was Edward Mosely [sic: Edward Moseley]. I went then as a substitute for Duly Ellinus Wood, also a part of said Tower was on my own account joined the Army in South Hampton [sic: Southampton], Cln. Forkner [sic: Ralph Faulkner] commanded the Regt. Decloman Maj'r. [sic: Maj. Charles Christian de Klauman] Gen'l. Mulinburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] our Gen'l. with Barren Stuben; we lay sometime wating the movements of the Enimy The Enemy on Land pursued us, we retreating to Petersburg, where we had a Battle [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781]. The Enemy was Comanded by Phillips & Arnold [Generals William Phillips and Benedict Arnold]. The advance guard of the Brittish, and the rear of our troops were attacked about sun rise, the fireing kept up until about twelve. We retreated that eavinging to Chesterfield Court House, from thence we crosed James River above Richmond, and joined the Marquis Delayfatte [sic: Marquis de Lafayette] in Richmond; From thence we went down the River to a place caled Wilton; The Troops lay there several weaks, and the Marquis sent two Cannon and fired upon the House, where Gen'l. Phillips lay sick [see endnote]. Cln. Robt. Good got leave of the Marquis to take the Militia of Chesterfield County to watch and prevent the depredations of the Enemy in that County. Cln. Good quartered at Sudberies [sic: Sudberry's] with his men, the second or third night after Cln. Tarlton attacked us in the morning [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, 23 May], our guns were wet, we cou'd not fire, and some of our men taken, but one kiled the rest made their escape I among the rest.

Those that escaped afterwards rendesvouesed at Young Shorts, there we had no Officer higher than Ensign, who was Archer Walthal [sic: Archibald Walthall]. We joined the Army again in the lower end of Hanover, and marched to Han'r. Court House and up toward Amhurst or Culpepper [sic: Amherst or Culpeper] Counties where we were discharged which was about the middle of May being at least three months, amounting in all to upwards of six months.

I hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Rool of the agency of any State.

I was raised in Chesterfield County Virginia lived there until 1805 then moved to Cumberland County Kentucky, and been living there ever since.

[signed] Wm Baker

State of Kentucky Cumberland County Sct

On this 14th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Cumberland County Court now sitting William Baker of the County of Cumberland and State of Kentucky aged 69 years the 17th day of December next who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following statements by way of amendment to his original Declaration subscribed and sworn to at the August term 1832 of said Court in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he was born in the County of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia in the year 1764 Dec'r 17th as appears from the record of his age in his family Bible now in his possession taken from the Register of the ages of his fathers family in his family Bible – he resided in Chesterfield County Virginia from his birth up to the year 1805 then moved to the County of Cumberland and State of Kentucky where he now lives and has lived ever since

he has no recollection of ever having received a written discharge from the service

He is known in his present neighbourhood by Vachael Dillingham a Clergyman – William Cheatham – Lewis Ellis & Joseph Alexander and Joel Ousley can testify as to his character as a person of veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the Army of the Revolution. He further states by way of Amendment to his said Original declaration that by reason of old age, and sevier affliction under which he has been labouring for the last 15 years of a paralytic nature, and a consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time he served in the Army of the Revolution but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below For Six months and two weeks I served as a private Soldier in the Militia of Chesterfield County Va. three different tours one for two months another for six weeks and the third three months – making in all the aforesaid term of six months and two weeks for which he claims a pension

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] William Baker

[Daniel Trabue (pension application S14727) deposed that he had served with Baker during the Battle of Blandford Hill and on other campaigns.]

NOTE: Gen. William Phillips lay sick of typhoid at Bollingbrook, home of Mary M. Bolling according to the pension application S6689 of her son, Robert Bolling. Phillips died there on 13 May 1781.