

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sylvester Baker S16618

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State of Missouri, County of Callaway

On the 22nd day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before Samuel T. Moore, John Conger and James McKinney Justices of the County Court of said County, being a court of Record now sitting, Sylvester Baker a resident in the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath state and make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he was born on the 16th day of June 1754 a record of which was made by his father & from him he learned it, in Baltimore County Maryland, where he lived until 11 or 12 years after & during the revolutionary war, when he moved to Wayne County in Kentucky, & resided there two years, then he moved on to the waters of Cumberland River in about 15 miles of Nashville and lived two years – then moved up the Cumberland near to Carthage in Smith County Tennessee & lived there about 20 years – and from there he moved to the State of Missouri & settled upon the bank of Missouri River where he has lived ever since, about 15 years. When about 24 years of age he volunteered to serve a tour of three months, and entered the service in Rowan County North Carolina, sometime in 1778 – under Captain Richard Dowell, Colonel Lock [Francis Locke] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. During this tour he was marched from Salisbury into South Carolina not far from Camden, where General Greene was defeated [Nathanael Greene was defeated at the Second battle of Camden also known as the battle of Hobkirk Hill on April 25, 1781], he thinks it was after the defeat, then East to the waters of the great Pedee, where he was discharged, not far from the Hanging Rocks. He then returned to his father's in Rowan County – and in about a year, or something like it, he entered as a volunteer of a light horse company of the militia in the County of Rowan, under Captain John Johnson, and as well as he recollects the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Locke. This light-horse company scoured the Country to put down & keep in subjection the Tories he was with this light horse company marched to & in the edge of South Carolina & back, then North, in the edge of Virginia on the waters of Dan River: during this service he was in but two skirmishes and they were with the Tories – the first at shallow Ford on the Yadkin River, which heads in the hills of the Blue Ridge in which skirmish there were several Tories killed and the second was also with the Tories on the South fork of the Yadkin near a the southern line of Rowan County being the Battle of Ramsour's Mill.¹ He, while a member of this light horse company was not every day in the service, but was bound to march at a moment's warning – which order he always obeyed with alacrity and taking the service altogether it was equal to a tour of 12 months. He was discharged from this service at Captain Johnson's house in Rowan County North Carolina after being out of service some little while, he joined the Regular Army which was stationed at

1 June 20, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm>

Salisbury North Carolina, and joined the company of Captain Langrun's [?]² company about three months, to the close of the year 1781 – and was there discharged after Cornwallis had been taken at York town in Virginia [October 19, 1781]. He was during his whole service in no general engagement, and does not now recollect the names of any other of either of the regular or militia officers, making in all these statements from recollection, which is somewhat impaired by old age. He did receive written discharges, which he supposes, stated the service which he has performed, but those papers he, when a young man left with his Father, but where they now are he has no idea, but supposes & has no doubt that they have long since been destroyed, He has now no documentary evidence and that he knows of no persons whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service and he further states that he has never received any pay for his services. 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 or territory, and claims for have [sic] served as a revolutionary soldier 18 months. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Sylvester Baker



S/ Irvine O. Hockaday, Clerk of Callaway County Court, Missouri

Qr. propounded by the Court

1st When and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

S/ Sylvester Baker

[Moses Langley and Theodrick Boulware, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina service.]

