

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Baker S17249

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State of Indiana, Morgan Probate Court November Term 1832

On this 13th day of November in the year 1832, personally appeared before John Matthews, Probate Judge within and for said County, George Baker a resident of said county aged Seventy three years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June Seventh 1832.

That he Enlisted in the army of the United States the year 1776 in May or June of said year for the term of two years and six months in the Continental Line in the Sixth Regiment of said line under the command of Colonel Livingston [sic, John Alexander Lillington] enlisted by George Dorothy [George Doherty?] Lieutenant Colonel and the Major's name not recollected he says he served in the company commanded by Captain John Baptist Ash [John Baptiste Ashe] 1st Lieutenant George Doratty [George Dougherty] and Second Lieutenant __ Armstrong, that he served under said enlistment until about the first of September in the said year at which time the said Declarer says he was taken Sick and returned home and remained at home until sometime in the Spring of the following year which was in the year 1777 to the best of his recollection he was not able to march with the army until Sometime in the Spring of said year of 1777 about the middle of May in said year that he continued in the Army from said time until about the middle of August in said year at which time he received a discharge at Guilford County North Carolina the reason he was discharged at this time was because he was sick again and he hired a certain Humphrey Price to serve in his room and stead at which time he the said Declarer got a regular discharge signed by Major John Armstrong of the Fourth Battalion which discharge he has long since lost.

This declarer says that in the year 1775 sometime in that year he does not recollect the precise time he volunteered for forty days in the army of the United States under the command of Captain Hightower and Lieutenant William Leemore [sic, William Lenoir?] that they marched to Salem in the State of North Carolina for the purpose of fighting the Scotch at Cross Creek but when we got to Salem we learned that they were subdued by Caswell's [Richard Caswell's] Army and we returned home.

That he volunteered in the army of the United States sometime in the winter of 1778 or 1779 for the term of three months and served under command of Colonel Joseph Phillips and the Major's name was James Shepherd the Captain's name under whom he served for the term of four days was William Knowel [probably William Nall] the said Declarer says he acted as Ensign in the company to which he belonged for the term of the said four days that Knowel acted as Captain and this declarer says he himself acted as Captain in said company to which he belonged the balance of the said term of three months that he lived in the County of Wilks [Wilkes] in the State of North Carolina at the time he served in the army that they marched to Charlotte and from there to Anson Court House and from there to Sallsberry [Salisbury] Court House in the State of North Carolina and from thence to a place called Horsepasters [sic, Horse Pastures?] in the State of Virginia and from thence they returned on homeward he says he got a written discharge from Colonel Phillips or Captain Speers he says they were both there

but he does not recollect which signed the said discharge he says he believes it was sometime in the year 1781 he says he has long since lost the said discharge.

This Declarer says he was out with and under the command of Captain Robert Coyle and Captain Robert King in the State of North Carolina in Holston River and its vicinity in what is now Hawkins County in scouting parties for the purpose of preventing the Indians from doing mischief to the white people for the term of three months about the time that Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] either a little before or a little after that time he does not recollect with that he was at different time out in scouting parties for the purpose of preventing the Tories from doing any mischief in Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina he says the scouting party to which he belonged was commanded by Captain Andrew Baker he does not recollect the precise time he was out in more scouts but he thinks something like one month which said several times before mentioned when all added together he believes to make about one year & one month & one third.

And the said declarer in answer to the questions propounded by the Court as required by the instructions from the War Department says that to the best of his knowledge and belief he was born in Granville County in the State of North Carolina on the 14th day of October 1759 he says he had at one time a record of his age in a Bible which his father gave him but he says it is lost; that he was living in Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina at the time he ~~enlisted~~ entered the service of the United States and between the times of the several terms of service aforesaid and for about twenty five years afterwards and from thence he moved to the State of Kentucky in Clay County where he continued 18 or 20 years and from thence he moved to Morgan County in the state of Indiana where he has ever since lived which is about five years.

That his declaration above details the manner in which he was called to the service, that the answers of the inquires which the law requires are contained in this declaration as well as he recollects that he is known to George Baker, John Sims, Presley Anderson & George A. Phelps who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution that he has proved said part of the above services by his brother Boling Baker and herewith sends his affidavit of the fact that he knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services and that he has no documentary evidence thereof.

Interrogatory to an officer: did you ever receive a commission if so by whom signed and what has become of it? Answer, he never had any.

He hereby relinquishes any 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.

Sworn to or subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Baker, X his mark

[James Lunsford, a clergyman, and John Gray Senior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Indiana, Morgan County

Be it Remembered that on this day Before Me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Said County personally Came Boling Baker¹ who Being duly Sworn according to Law, deposeth and Saith that he this deponent is well acquainted with George Baker (who is his Brother) And further this deponent Saith that he knows that the said George Baker enlisted as a Regular Soldier in the Sixth Regiment of the North Carolina Troops Commanded by Colonel [illegible last name, appears to begin with a 'B']² in the year 1776 in the War Between the United Colonies and Great Britain and after the Said George Baker had served a while (the Length of Time not now Recollected) the Said George

¹ [Bolin \(Bowling\) Baker S12950](#)

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Baker was taken Sick and hired a Substitute to Send out his time – And this deponent further Saith that after that he knows that the Said George Baker volunteered for and Served a three months Tour in the year 1781 under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] Stationed at Salisbury North Carolina all these Services were rendered in the Service of our United Colonies for Independence – and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Boling Baker, X his mark

Sworn and Subscribed to before me the Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid on the 17th day of September A.D. 1832.

S/ James Crawford

Justice of the peace

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State of Indiana, Morgan County,

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Morgan and State aforesaid George Baker who being dully sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, He cannot state positive as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less that the period below and in the following grades to wit. In his first tour (as recited in his declaration) he served not less than three months as a private. In his second tour he served three months as a private. In his third tour (as recited in his declaration supposed to have been in the year 1775) he served not less than one month and ten days as a private. He says he was mistaken as to the name of the Captain under whom he served on that tour, the Captain's name was Walton [Jesse Walton] instead of Hightower as stated in his declaration. In his fourth tour he served no less than three months all of which time he served as a Captain except four days which four days he served as Ensign. He says that upon examination of a more correct data, he finds that he was mistaken as to the time he entered the service on said tour, that he is now satisfied that he entered on said tour about the first of November 1780 instead of 1778 & 79 as was stated in his declaration. In his fifth tour he entered the service in the spring of 1781 and served not less than three months as a private. In his sixth tour (which was the Scouting tour against the Tories) he served not less that one month as a private. This deponant [deponent] further saith for answer to the 14th [sic] interrogatories in the brief of objections forwarded from War Department that he was of the opinion that the Judge of the Court did certify as to the credibility of the witnesses whose names were subscribed to the certificate of his Revolutionary service. This deponent further Saith that the Reverend James Lunsford is and was at the time of the signing thereof a respectable Clergyman of said County and that John Gray Senior is and was as aforesaid a respectable citizen of said County both resident in the neighborhood of the aforesaid George Baker and that the individual who drew this deponent's declaration has through mistake omitted to insert the said Lunsford and Gray names in the certificate and probably having heard this deponent speak of getting a certain Clergyman by the name Geo. W. Baker to certify for him has inserted his name instead of Lunsford's whose name should have been inserted And this deponent saith that in all the aforesaid tours he served in the United States Army at least fourteen months and ten days and for which service he claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of July 1833

S/ George Baker, X his mark

S/ Charles B. Butler

Justice of the Peace

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$47.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months and 10 days in both the North Carolina Continental line and militia.]