

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry B. Baker S39171

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State of Tennessee Sevier County: I Henry B. Baker solemnly swear that in the year 1779 I enlisted in Captain James Conyers company in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Isaac Huger South Carolina and under command of General Moultrie and that I served about three years in the regular establishment of the United States for the protection of the said states in the revolutionary war all of which service was in Captain Conyers company aforesaid and under command of Colonel Huger and Colonel McIntosh that at the return of peace I was honorably discharged by Colonel McIntosh; I further state that owing to bodily infirmity debility of strength and advanced age (living in the eighty-eighth year of my age) I am not able to labor and further I state that I am in such reduced circumstances as to need the assistance of my Country.

I further state that at this time I do not know of any evidence to prove that time and manner of my service in the revolutionary war except this my own affidavit and declaration that my discharge is lost or destroyed. I further state that I am yet a citizen of the United States & that my residence is in the County of Sevier and State of Tennessee.

Sworn to before me the 27th of January 1818

S/ Thos. Emmerson

S/ Henry B. Baker

State of Tennessee, Sevier County: On this 20th day of June 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County and State aforesaid, Henry B. Baker, aged about ninety years, resident in said 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 in the company commanded by Captain James Conyers [James Conyers, Jr.], of the 5th Regiment of the South Carolina line for the term of three years, which he served out and was discharged by Colonel McIntosh [Alexander McIntosh] -- that he has not retained any memorandum of the time at which he made his original declaration, but thanks from his best recollection that it was on or about the 27th day of July 1818 -- that he never has yet received his pension certificate, and supposes that it has been by some means lost or mislaid -- as he received some time ago a certificate from the Department of War, that he was transferred from the West Tennessee agency to that of East Tennessee for pavement -- which he has not yet received on account of the want of his certificate -- this last certificate came through the hands of Judge Emmerson, but for whom the original declaration was made. He cannot for the foregoing reasons, state the number of his

certificate, nor can he obtain the money already due and ready for him. He hopes some way will be devised to enable him to draw his pension, either by sending him another certificate, or some other way --

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

The Schedule

22 ¼ acres of land in Sevier County and but one installment paid their own, which he bought for \$20

One horse beast, 4 head of cattle & 14 hogs -- with a small quantity of household furniture -- about \$7 owing to him and 3 or \$4 owing from him.

S/ Henry B. Baker

This declarant further states that he is a farmer and has no family except his wife and himself, that they are both old, he about ninety and she upwards of seventy, very infirm and decrepit -- he lost a finger in the revolutionary war -- and his wife has one of her wrists out of place by a fall from a horse --

The declarant again states that he hopes the peculiarity of his case, as respects the want of his certificate will receive the particular attention of the Department inasmuch as he concedes, that without some relief, he will be deprived of the money to which he is as much entitled and for which he has as great need as any individual, perhaps, in the United States.

S/ Henry B. Baker

Sworn to in open Court the date first above written.

S/ J. Perry, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 27, 1818, for 3 years service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]