

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

Pension Application of John Baker S39179

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In the year 1777 October 5<sup>th</sup> I enlisted in the third Georgia Battalion the third company commanded by Capt. Joseph Lane of Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County where I remained with said company until April 1778 [when Lane was promoted to Major] – then I was enrolled in Capt. Clement Nash's Company of light infantry [see endnote] where I remained until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 1779 – then I was taken prisoner at Savanna [see endnote] and remained on board the prison ship until 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1780 – and then was paroled upon condition that I would not bear arms against the King of Great Britain until regularly exchanged – this ended by services in the revolutionary war. April 11<sup>th</sup> 1818. [signed] John Baker

I do hereby certify that John Baker was marched to Savannah town Georgia under the command of Capt Joseph Lane where he was transferred to Capt. Clement Nash's Company of the light Infantry commanded by Col. James Scriven & where he remained until taken prisoner.

April 11<sup>th</sup> 1818.

[signed] John Hoggatt

District of West Tennessee

On the thirteen of April 1818 John Baker of the county of Davidson in the State of Tennessee came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States in virtue of an Act of Congress, passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 making provision for those who served in the revolutionary War against the common enemy and after being duly sworn deposed and saeth, that he enlisted in the third Battalion commanded by Colo. James Scriven [sic: James Screven], in the third company commanded by Captain Joseph Lane of Loudon County, that he remained with said company until April 1778 that he was then enrolled in Capt. Clement Nash's company of light infantry where he remained until the 3<sup>d</sup> of January 1779 and was then taken Prisoner at Savanna and remained on board of the prison ship until the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1780 and then was paroled and never exchanged until the end of the war & further saeth not [signed] John Baker

State of Tennessee Davidson Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Sct.

District of Tennessee S.s.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record John Baker aged seventy one years and six months resident in Davidson County in said District of Tennessee, who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, viz. That he enlisted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1777 with Capt. Joseph Lane of Loudon County, Virginia, the 3<sup>rd</sup> company of the 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion for the Georgia service, commanded by Col. James Screven for the term of three years in this company he remained until August 1778. Then was enrolled in Capt. Clement Nashes company of light infantry in which company he remained until the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1779. Then was taken prisoner at Savanna in Georgia where he remained a prisoner til July 1780 then was parol'd, but on the 23<sup>d</sup> of September of the same year he took a division for eighteen months service with Arthur Land Capt. commanded by Col. William Davis [sic: William Davies]. That he was in the battles at Savanna on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 1779, at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC] the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1781, where he had the ball of his right thumb shot off (After this until the expiration of his term of service he worked at the tayloring business (it being his occupation) under John Peyton, Virginia, Capt. and Clothes master General for the Virginia line, and was discharged by him on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Jan'y. 1782 at the Albemarle Barracks Virginia, this discharge was counter signed by Febecker [sic: Col. Christian Febiger] at Cumberland old Courthouse Powhattan [sic: Powhatan] County, Virginia.

And I do hereby solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Schedule. I have no property either real or personal. I am by occupation a Taylor but from age infirmity and loss of eyesight have not ability to pursue it. I have no family that reside with me. And that he was regularly placed on the pension roll of the United States for the West Tennessee agencies on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 1819 by No. 13020 to commence on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1818.

[signed] John Baker

NOTE:

Joseph Land and Clement Nash were in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia Battalion of Foot. Because of its small population, Georgia had been allowed by Congress to recruit within Virginia. There was no Battle of Savannah on 3 Jan 1779. It seems likely that Baker was actually captured during the Siege of Savannah, 16 Sep - 19 Oct 1779.

"took a division for eighteen months service" probably means that Baker was drafted as a militiaman into the Continental service for 18 months. A size roll of such eighteen-months men compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse <<http://southerncampaign.org/pen/b69.pdf>> includes the following information: John Baker/ 26/ 5' 3½"/ Taylor/ born Fairfax County VA/ enlisted from Alexandria VA/ black hair/ hazel eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 2 Sep 1780 for 18 months.