

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Baskerville S45238

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The State of Ohio } Ss

Madison County } [4 May 1818]

Personally came before me, the Subscriber Samuel Baskerville he being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that about the latter end of the year 1776 (the precise date and month this deponent do not recollect, but to the best of his recollection thinks it was in the month of Novemb'r and same year) that he this deponent was appointed an Ensign in Captain Tarlton Woodsons [sic: Tarleton Woodson's] Company of infant'y then to be recruited in Cumberland County and State of Virginia, and 10th Regiment on the Continental establishm't. that this deponent after enlisting his quota of men joined his Regiment in June 1777; the American Army then at Middle Brook [Middlebrook] Camp in the state of New Jersey, that the 10th Virg'a. Regiment was then commanded by Colo. Edward Stevens, that this deponent did some time afterwards receive a Lieutenants commission and served as such during the Revolutionary War; That about the end of the year 1777 [sic: 14 Sep 1778] the Virg'a. Regiments were reduced and the 10th then became the 6th Regim't. to which this deponent then belonged, and in the years 1778 and 1779 commanded by Colo John Green. That in the month of December 1779 the whole of the Virginia line was reduced to three Regiments and this deponent then belonged to the 3^d Regiment and commanded by Colo. Nathaniel Gist, that this deponent then marched with the troops to Charles Town, South Carrolina [Charleston SC] and was in May [12] 1780 taken a prisoner of war. that in the summer of the year 1781 this deponent being exchanged landed with the remainder of the Virginia Troops at James Town on James's River and State of Virginia. that after the capture of Lord Cornwallis at York Town this deponent was stationed at Cumberland Old Ct. House with the Virg'a. Troops commanded by Colo. Christian Febiger; that in the month of October 1782 this deponent was ordered with the Troops from thence to Winchester Barracks in Frederick County and State of Virginia, that in the summer and year 1783 this deponent was ordered from thence to the Point of Fork on James River [at the junction with Rivanna River] and state aforesaid, and by orders from the War Office to Colo James Wood, this deponent was discharged from the service of the United States, with this proviso, that his discharge was not to be considered final, until a proclamation of Peace were proclaimed between these United States and Great Britain. And this deponent further saith that his commissions and discharge have been for some time lost or destroyed, therefore he cannot now produce them, and that he this deponent being now infirm, and in reduced circumstances needs the assistance of his Country and further he saith not. S. Baskerville

I hereby certify that Lieutenant Samuel Baskerville who has subscribed and sworn to a statement of this date before me, was in service at Middlebrook in the Jerseys, in the winter of 1778 in the Virginia line on Continental establishment, that he marched from the neighborhood of Morristown in Dec'r. 1779 when that line marched fro Charlestown So. Carolina where after about a months Siege that line became prisoners of war to the British; among that number was Mr. Baskerville & myself. from his probity of character, have not a doubt of the fairness of his statements; not within my knowledge. Certified by me the 4th of May 1818.

James Curry [pension application S44230]

late Cap't. in the 4th Virginia Regiment in the Revolutionary War and now an Ass. Judge for Madison County.

The Honorable Secretary of War/ City of Washington.

Stat of Ohio Madison County Ss.

On this 24th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for said County Samuel Baskerville aged 65 years and 7 months resident in Madison in said state, his occupation a Farmer and not ability to pursue it who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That about the latter end of the year 1776 this declarant was appointed an Ensign in Captain Tarlton Woodsons Company then to be raised for the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Edward Stevens, on Continental establishment, that this declarant joined the American Army in June 1777, then at Middle Brook Camp in the State of New Jersey, that the latter end of same year or the first of the year 1778 the Virginia Regiments were reduced, and this declarant then belonged to the 6th Regiment commanded by Colo. John Greene [sic], and about this time he received a Lieutenants Commission. That in the month of December 1779 the whole of the Virginia line were reduced to three Regiments, and ordered to Charlestown South Carolina this declarant was then attached to the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colo Nathaniel Gist, that after a months close siege in May 1780 the Garrison were made prisoners of war, that some time in the summer and year 1781 this declarant was sent by water to Virginia, with the residue of the Virginia troops, and landed at James Town in James River. That after the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, this declarant was stationed with a detachment of the Virginia troops at Cumberland old Court house and then commanded by Colo. Christian Febiger. That in the month of October and year 1782 this declarant marched with the Virginia troops to Winchester Barracks in Frederick County and state of Virginia and then commanded by Colo James Wood – that in the summer and year 1783 the troops were ordered from thence to the point of Fork on James River, and in the month of September and same year this declarant was by orders from the War Department discharged from the service of the United States, tho' not finally discharged until a proclamation of peace was proclaimed between these United States and Great Britain. That this declarant has been for years past afflicted with the Rheumatism and the palsy which renders him incapable of performing any kind of bodily labor that might contribute to his support – that this declarants two eldest sons has continued to stay with him until now purely out of duty and affection their parents and the family but will now shortly leave them, which will render this declarant circumstances yet more distressing, and this declarant hopes he may continue to receive what his country has tendered him, which will make the short time he has to stay in this World, much more comfortable than it has been for years past, and will prevent his hoary head from going down to the grave in poverty and sorrow. This declarant has received his pension certificate number 9466 – former declaration made fourth of May AD 1818. 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 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 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. S. Baskerville

Schedule

103 $\frac{1}{3}$ acres Land 2 plough naggs 1 cow & calf	\$488.33 $\frac{1}{3}$
5 sows, 25 shoats 13 pigs	34.00
3 Tables 4 chairs	10.00
2 ploughs, 3 weeding Hoes, 3 axes, 1 mattock	8.00
1 Rifle gun 1 Iron wedge 1 Flax wheel	20.00
1 chest 1 check wheel 1 Iron pot	8.00
1 Iron kettle 1 Dutch oven 1 small grindstone	6.00
1 Griddle 1 Iron Tea kettle 1 Frying pan	2.50
2 old Trunks 1 Do. saddle & Bridle	7.00
1 sett knives & forks 1 Dish	3.00
10 stone plates 8 cups & saucers	3.50

1 Tea pot 1 old Coffee pot	1.25
3 stone crocks. 6 large pewter spoons 6 small do	3.00
1 smoothing Iron 2 sickles	<u>1.25</u>
	\$595.83 $\frac{1}{3}$

signed S. Baskerville

Names of declarant sons and daughters now with him

William B. Baskerville aged 23 years & 9 months

Samuel B Baskerville aged 22 years

James M Baskerville aged 17 years & 9 months

Richard A Baskerville aged 15 years & 1 month

All of which are farmers & ability to pursue it

Statira Baskerville Declarants wife aged 56 years & 3 months

Judith R. Baskerville aged 26 years & 8 months

Ann M. Baskerville aged 12 years & 1 month

Capacity to sew knit & spin

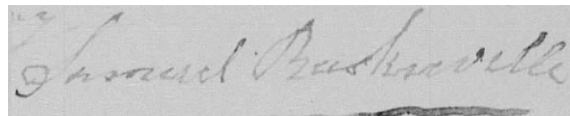
S. Baskerville

[After being dropped from the pension list for having too much property, Baskerville made the following petition.]

To the Hon^l the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled

The petition of the undersigned Humbly represents that he forwarded to your honorable body at your last Session a petition with a schedule of his property which with others passed the House of Representatives by a large majority, but was rejected in the senate. Which induces you petitioner, with other reasons again to apply to you for the relief which his old age, poverty, & infirmity absolutely requires of that Government for the attainment of which he has spent his youthful days and is now left old and infirm and without the means of supporting himself. your petitioner would further represent – that he served as a soldier nine months in the year 1776 in the 7th Virginia Regt Commanded by Colo. William Dangerfield on Continental establishment And seven years afterward to the end of the revolutionary War as a Lieutenant. your petitioner is now near seventy years of age very infirm And afflicted with the palsy and Rheumatic and without the means of support as by reference to his schedule now among the papers of last Session will more fully appear. In consequence of which he now humbly implores the aid of that Government for which he has exhausted his youth fortune and health that he may be placed on the list of pentioner as heretofore or grant him such aid as you in your wisdom may deem just and reasonable. And in duty bound will ever pray.

3^d Decem^r. 1822



[On 15 July 1823 Baskerville filed another pension application declaring the same military service as in the first two applications but with a revised schedule of property. The main change was that in order to satisfy a debt he had sold 70 acres of land, a copy of the deed to which is in the file. The file includes a detailed list of groceries, cloth, and other items for which the debt was contracted. He had also given some furniture to Rebecca Baskerville for some weaving and had given a horse to S. B. Baskerville for pork and services. He described his family as follows:

“Statira Baskerville declarants wife in her 59th year unable to labor. Richard A Baskerville aged 18 years & one month a farmer and able to pursue it. Nancy M Baskerville aged 15 years & 3 months able to sew knit and spin a little.”]

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an Act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldier of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I Samuel Baskerville of London in the County of Maddison, in the State of Ohio, Do hereby declare, That I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution; and served as such to the end of the War; at which time I was a Lieutenant in the Third Regiment of the Virginia line.

And I also declare, That I afterwards received Certificates (commonly called Commutation Certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay; which sum was offered by the Resolve of Congress of the 22d of March, 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the Resolve of the 21st of October, 1780.

And I further declare, that I have received of the United States, as a Pensioner, since the 3d of March, 1826, the sum of Four Hundred and Eighty Dollars, paid to me by the Agent for paying Pensions, in the State of Ohio.

Witness my hand, this 12th day of June 1828. (signed) S Baskerville

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Winchester Barracks May [illegible] 17[illegible]

I do hereby Certify that Lieut Samuel Baskerville entered the Service in February 1776 & Still continues in Service [Peter Muhlenberg] BG



be pleased to Issue My land warrant to Mr. David Jackson



I do hereby Certify that Lieutenant Sam'l Baskerville was appointed Quarter Master to the 6th Virg'a Regim't the first day of Marcy 1779, & acted as such Till the first of September 1780.

Given under my hand this 25th March 17[illegible]

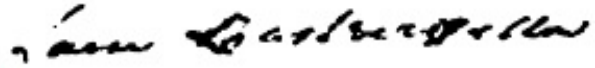
[signed] Samuel Hawes Lt. Col.

Gen'l Moseley [William Moseley W5385]

Apl 1 1808

Sir, As you are acquainted with the Commencement of my Services in the Revolutionary War and perhaps with the Close of them I will thank you to give Colo Wm Bentley [William Bentley] a Certificate of them as he authorises [undeciphered word] to draw the warr't for the portion of Land due me

Yours with respect

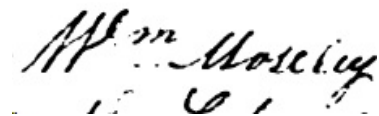


Richmond 7th april 1808

I Certifyt that Samuel Baskerville entered the Service as a Soldier in the 7th Virginia Contineltal Regiment in the month of Febuary 1776 and Continued during the whole war and Left the service as a Liutenat

Wm Moseley Majr
in the Late War

[several undeciphered words]



Samuel Baskerville has drawn a Warrant for Seven years Service as Liutenant in the Continental line.

Wm Price Reg'r
April 7 1808

NOTE: The federal pension file contains numerous other documents accounting for Baskerville's financial situation.