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Pension Application of David Baker W1802

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Burke County }
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On this 26th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the undersigned George Hallaway one of the Justices of the Court of pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County David Baker Esqr a resident of the said County of Burke & State aforesaid aged eighty three years the 3rd day of last June who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he inlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1776 in the month of February in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Virginia with Captain John Thorn or Thornton [John Thornton] for two years & served in the third regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers John Thorn as he was call'd. commanded the Company Thomas Marshal [sic: Thomas Marshall] Major Joseph Weeding [sic: George Weedon] of Fredericksburg Colo. the first service I saw was the cannonading at Guins Island in the Rapahannock [sic: Gwynn Island near the mouth of the Rappahannock River, 8 - 10 Jul 1776] against Governor Dunmore. We were then marched on by Dumfriese [sic: Dumfries] to Alexandria & was there stationed some little time & were then marched to the north crossing the Delaware at Trenton & joined the main army at White plains under General Washington. In a few days after we joined the main army the battle of white plains was fought [28 Oct 1776]. we retreated & recross'd the Delaware the next Battle was at Trenton the 26th of Decem. I was guarding the Baggage during the battle & had a Brother by the name of Richard [Richard Baker] kill'd in that action. The 27th the cannonading at Trenton took place on the 28th [sic: 3 Jan 1777] the Battle of Princeton was fought & General [Hugh] Mercer of Virginia was kill'd from Princeton we went into winter quarters at Morristown the next Battle I was in was the Battle of Brandewine [sic: Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777]. Lafayette was one of our Generals Washington commanded in which 46 were kill'd & wounded of our Regiment I think Colo Heath [sic: William Heth] was then our Colo. Next Battle was that of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] Washington commander & General Stevenson [sic: Adam Stephen] was broke of his command for misconduct in that battle I was then marched to Valey forge [sic: Valley Forge] & there station'd untill I was discharged in February 1778 by General [William] Woodford. My discharge was burnt up with my dwelling House in the 1790. I inlisted at the House of Capt John Strother in Culpepper County [Militia] & was immediately appointed corporal which office I held during my service. I came to Burke County No Carolina the summer after I was discharged to my mothers, my father having died while I was in service. In which County I have resided ever since

I further declare that I am not on any pension establishment whatever & do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written

[signed] David Baker

[George Hallaway certified that Baker was too infirm to attend court 40 miles from his home.]

NOTE: On 14 Apr 1849 Dorothy Baker of Bakersville in Yancey County NC applied for a pension stating that she married David Baker sometime in 1795, and he died 15 Sep 1838. As proof of marriage she submitted part of a family record transcribed as follows: "Dorothy Wiseman wife of David Baker was Born Feb'ry. 5: 1765 and was Married Aug'st. 9: 1795 To David Baker." This date of marriage would have been too late for her to qualify under the existing pension acts. On 29 July 1850 she explained that she actually married David Baker in Burke county on 9 Aug 1793, that the family record was in error, that her pension agent had relied on that date, and that being illiterate she had not been aware of either error. On 30 Mar 1855 she applied for bounty land.