

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Baker W27812

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[fn p. 26]

State of Kentucky Fayette County

On this 16th day of June 1818 before me, one of the Circuit Judges of the State aforesaid, personally appeared Nicholas Baker, aged Seventy four years resident in Woodford County in said State who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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." That he the said Baker enlisted in Culpepper County [sic, Culpeper County] & State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Crane, & successively afterwards commanded by Capts Patrick ^{Fields} & Lt. Craddock of Amelia County, in the Regt. Commanded successively by Colonel Gascon [sic, this is probably a reference to Col. Thomas Gaskins], & afterwards by General Posey [this is probably a reference to Col. Thomas Posey] who took command of us at Cumberland old Court house in Va. & marched us to the South, that he continued to serve in sd corps & in the S. U. S. from the month of March 1781 the date of his enlistment, to the month of February 1783 when he arrived again at home having remained about six months [indecipherable word] in a hospital at Ashley hills in South Carolina owing to sickness. That he was at the Siege of York in October when Cornwallis was taken & in several small skirmishes afterwards -- And that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services -- His orderly Sergeant who has been lately living in Kentucky, having gone to the State of Va. before he could obtain his evidence.

S/ Nicholas Baker, X his mark

Sworn to & declared before me this day & year aforesaid.

S/ Benj. Johnson, Circuit Judge

Fayette County

I Nicholas Baker in addition to my former Certificate before it Judge Johnson, & according to the regulations of the War office of my certificate & proof hereto attached, do state, that I served in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment -- according to the best of my recollection at this late period -- I also served 12 months with the Pennsylvania troops in the commencement of the war, under Captain James Ross, and Colonel Hand, (afterward General

Hand) Regt. & marched in that Company & Regt. to Boston,
Given under my hand this 24th day of April 1819.

S/ Nicholas Baker, X his mark

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I do hereby certify that the within named Nicholas Baker has been a tenant of mine for several years & still continues to occupy a small form of mine. That he has always, since my knowledge of him, supported the character of an honest & upright man.

Given under my hand this 24th day of April 1819

S/ Cha. Wilkins

Schedule

District of Kentucky Woodford County : SS

On this 5th day of February 1821, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for said district, and County, Nicholas Baker aged 78 years, resident in said County in said district, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:

He enlisted in Culpepper County [sic, Culpeper County] Va under Captain Crane (in the 4th Va. Regt. I believe,) on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Gaston, then Colonel Pheebecker [this is probably a reference to Col. Christian Febiger], then Col. Posey, in the month of March 1781 to serve for two years continued until the end of the war, being left sick at Estly hills [sic, Ashley hills] near Charleston, S. C. & did not get home till after the expiration of his time, the [words obliterated by a crease in the paper] as above stated --

Before that time to wit 1774¹ he enlisted in Lancaster Pa under Captain James Ross in the Rifle Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson afterwards by Colonel Hand -- to serve for twelve months -- continued in service 14 mo. -- was disch'd at the white Plains in New York -- was in the battles of Long Island² -- taking of the Hessians at Trenton³ -- Siege of York⁴ &c.

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

four head of horses (indifferent) appraised by the appor.
of the County at

	\$80.—
10 head of cattle – including 4 yearlings & one calf	50.
9 Shoats I ask for these but can't get	4.50
3 Sheep	3.00
Poultry	1.00
farming utensils	5.00
Kitchen furniture & house furniture except one bed	<u>12.00</u>

¹ Sic, the veteran is clearly referring to events that occurred in 1776, not in 1774 as he states.

² The Battle of Long Island occurred on August 27, 1776. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/760827.htm>

³ The Battle of Trenton occurred on December 26, 1776. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/761226.htm>

⁴ The Siege of York occurred in October 1781.

\$155.50

I have due me if I could get it about \$15.00
& I owe--\$12 and besides a Doctor's Bill, the amount of which I do not know –

My family consist of my wife, aged nearly 60, who is very infirm & of expense to me for Doctors Builds every year -- Having the phthisic [indecipherable word] -- also my son of Philip aged 16 years, Robert aged 12 years -- Betsy aged 19 years, Anna aged 17 years and Susan aged 14 years -- my occupation was farming on rented land -- but I am now nearly incapable to labor - - my rent has been sixty barrels of corn per Annum.

S/ Nicholas Baker, X his mark

Sworn to, and declared, on the 5th day of February 1821

State of Indiana Lawrence County Indian Creek Township: Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

This day personally appeared before me John R. Croke a Justice of the peace in and for the Township County and State aforesaid Nicholas Baker resident of the County Township and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is 89 years of age and that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That he entered in Culpepper County County in the State of Virginia under Captain Crain (in the 4th Regt. [indecipherable word]) on the Continental establishment Commanded by Colonel Gaston, then Colonel Pheabecker, then Colonel Posey in the month of Marched in the year 1781 to serve for 2 years, continued until the end of the war, being left sick at Esbly hills[Ashley Hill] near Charleston SC and did not get home until after the expiration of his time of war being ended as above stated, before that time (to wit) 1774 he enlisted in Lancaster Pennsylvania under Captain James Ross in the Rifle Redgmt Commanded by Colonel Thompson afterward by Colonel Hand to serve for twelve months continued in service 14 months was discharged at white Plains in New York was in the battles of Long Island, Taking of the Hessians at Trenton, Siege of York &c. That he was placed on the pension list roll of the Kentucky agency at the rate of \$8 per month to commence on the 16th of June 1818. That he is sic of the palsy and unable to leave his bed and has been confined to bed for near 3 months past. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension list of any State except the State of Kentucky as herein stated.

S/ Nicholas Baker, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me John R. Cook [sic] a Justice of the peace in and for said Township on the 28th day of September A.D. 1832.

S/ John R. Croke, JP

[Abraham Kerns, an ordained minister of the gospel, and Jacob Wagoner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: copy of a marriage bond issued to Nicholas Baker and Edward Lampkin N. Culpeper County Virginia on February 10, 1792 to secure the marriage of Nicholas Baker to Lucy Lamkin, spinster daughter of Edward Lampkin of Culpeper County.]

[fn p. 11: On the 23rd day of June 1843 in Lawrence County Indiana, Lucy Baker, a resident of said County, aged 79, made application for a widow's pension under the 1843 act stating that she is the widow of Nicholas Baker; and that she is a pensioner under the 1838 act at the rate of \$76.76 per annum.]

[fn p. 14: On October 26, 1848 in Lawrence County Indiana, Daniel Baker, Susan Leatch and Anna Speer filed an affidavit stating they are the children of Lucy Baker deceased, late of said County and a pensioner of the United States and widow of Nicholas Baker; that their father Nicholas Baker died November 2, 1832; that Daniel Baker, Susan Leatch, Anna Speer, William Baker, Armsted Baker, Robert Baker, Philip Baker, Elizabeth Peyton and Eliza Stephens are the children of the said Nicholas Baker and Lucy Baker and the administrator of Lewis J. Baker, a grandchild of the said Nicholas Baker and Lucy Baker.]

[fn p. 23: Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 16, 1818 for service as a private for one year and 11 months in the Virginia line. He was then living in Woodford County Kentucky when first pensioned. Widow was inscribed on the rolls as a pensioner at the rate of \$76.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 while living in Madison County Indiana for the service of her husband Nicholas Baker as a private in the company commanded by Captain Crain and Colonel Gaskins Regiment of the Virginia line one year & 11 months.]

[C. Leon Harris points notes:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Powhatan Courthouse VA lists the following: Nicholas Baker/ age 26/ height 5' 6 1/2"/ black hair/ dark eyes/ fair complexion/ butcher/ born in Culpeper County where he enlisted as a substitute on 19 Mar 1781 for 18 months.]