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Pension Application of Martin Baskett W2990

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State of Kentucky            Shelby County    Sct.

Martin Baskett this day personally appeared before me George P Milley, a Justice of the Peace in and for the county and state aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. that he was born in Goochland County Virginia the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1761. that he is now 71 years of age since the 6<sup>th</sup> December last past, that he has a record of his age in his bible, taken from his fathers bible. That about the middle of June 1780 in the County of Fluvanna and State of Virginia to which he the said Baskett had removed, he volunteered in the company commanded by Joseph Hayden [sic: Joseph Haden] whose Lieutenant was Jesse Hughes, and whose Ensign was Holman Snead, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Joseph Spencer we marched to Hillsborough North Carolina. The said Baskett was transfered from the company commanded by Capt Joseph Hayden to the company commanded by Thomas Leftwich of Bedford county Virginia, after remaining at Hillsborough about two or three weeks we marched on towards Camden [SC], to Rugeleys Mills, and was ordered that night [15 Aug] at 9 OClock [sic: 10 PM] to march, and storm the Picquet guard, on the road to Camden, we attacked the guard, drove them from their position and stood with our arms all night the next morning the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1780 the British came on and attacked us and we had to retreat, and went to Hillsborough at which place we lay three weeks, and then marched to New garden settlement, he having been discharged at Hillsborough, having served three months. In the Spring May 1781 The said Baskett was drafted in the County of Cumberland and State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Capt Meredith, and served two months under General Lafayette in what was then called the Wild goose chase, constantly pursued by the British, and was discharged on the Rapadan River [sic: Rapidan River]. He the said Baskett having removed to North Carolina was drafted in May 1782 in the County of Wilkes and said state of North Carolina in the company commanded by a captain whose name he the said Baskett does not recollect, he was drafted as a private and served two months. Upon reflection the said Baskett recollects that his Captains name was Lanoah [see endnote] the names of the Colonel and major under whom he served in this last tour he cannot recollect. He the said Baskett moved from North Carolina to Fluvanna County Virginia where he lived until the year 1797 when he moved to Shelby County Kentucky where he now lives, he has no documentary evidence by which to prove his claims. He the said Baskett hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or Territory.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1833. [signed] martin Baskett

NOTES:

Captain "Lanoah" may have been William Lenoir, although Lenoir stated in his pension application (S7137) that his last service was in 1781.

On 20 Sep 1838 Frances Baskett, 71, applied for a pension stating that she married Martin Baskett in Fluvanna County on 7 Nov 1783, and he died on 26 May 1833. She stated that she could prove the marriage by her brother, John Shepherd, who lived nearby, and by her sister, Mary Perry, who lived some distance away. She also submitted the first family record transcribed below, which was copied by her husband into two ornate pages in a Bible. That or second record on plain paper was certified by Jesse Baskett before Gideon Mitchell, a magistrate. The second record lists slaves.

MARRIAGES

Martin Baskett and Frances Baskett his wife was Married November 7<sup>th</sup> day 1783  
Nancy Baskett and William Walton[?] was Married October 30 1806  
Thomas Baskett and Peggy Doudle was Married September 27, 1808  
Elizabeth Baskett and William E. King was Married September 29 [or 27] 1808  
Henry M. Baskett and Sarah Ford was Married October 20 1813  
Mary Baskett and Daniel Connaly was Married December 24 1818  
Mildred Baskett and giddeon Michell was Married December 19 1822

#### BIRTHS

John Baskett was born January 9 1785  
Thomas Baskett was born March 27 1786  
Nancy Baskett was born March 25 1789  
Elizabeth Baskett was born May 7 1791  
Henry M. Baskett was born October 11 1793  
Mary Baskett was born July 24 1796  
Jesse Baskett was born June 15 1799  
Sarah Baskett was born February 1 1802  
Mildred Baskett was born June 28 1804  
Frances Baskett was born June 8 1810  
Joab Michell was born August 4 1829 [or 1839]  
Thomas Henry, son of Jesse Baskett was born Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1836

#### DEATHS

John Baskett Died May 1785 aged four Months  
Sarah Baskett Died February 18 1810 aged eight years  
Elizabeth King Died February the twenty fourth day 1822  
Thomas Baskett Died March the ninteenth 1822  
Thomas Michell died  
Mildred Michell died March 14 1830  
Mary Connelly Died on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 1834 Aged 38 years and 28 days  
John Moore Died June 8<sup>th</sup> 1838

[The following is in different handwriting.]

Martin Baskett was born December 6 1761  
Frances Baskett his wife was born December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1766  
Allek Bought September 1813 supos'd to be 25 years old  
Annley[?] then years old when I bought her in the year 1796  
Winston was born November 1795  
John was born Febbuary 12 1809  
Austin was born December 10 1811  
Harriet was born September 4 1813  
Loieasy was born January 4 1816  
Sarah was born January 12 1827  
Waller was born March 4 1820  
Washington was born September 1822  
Mary was born October 21<sup>st</sup> 1825  
Addison King son of W. E. King was born July 10 1809  
Frances King daughter W. E. King was born January 12 1811  
Nancy King daughter of W E King was born October 3 1812  
Jesse King was born May 21 1814

Sally King was born March 21 1816

Elizabeth King was born November 15 1817

William Martin King was born September 20 1819

Mildred King was born July 26 1821