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Pension Application of James Baber W3754

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State of Georgia } Inferior Court October the 5th 1832
Gwinnett County }

Personally appeared in open Court (now sitting) the same being a Court of record James Baber a resident of the State & County aforesaid aged Seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to avail himself of the benefits of the act of Congress passed on the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States & served as herein stated under the following officers to wit – that he entered the service as a volunteer soldier sometime in the latter part of summer in the year 1779 under Capt. James Adams Lieutenant Henry Edson [sic: Henry Eidson] & ensign John McGee attach'd to Col. Charles Linch's [sic: Charles Lynch's] regiment – that he served in the above named regiment & under the officers aforesaid Two towers of three months each – the first tower in the year 1779 aforesaid & the second in the year 1780 in the early part of s'd year – that the first tower he went to a place called the lead mines [at Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County] in the State of virginia to guard & protect that place from the Tories & indians and the second to Petersburg in the state of virginia – that in the year 1781 he served under the officers aforesaid guarding prisons & the magazines at Bedford Courthouse – to wit the County Seat in the County of Bedford [New London, now in Campbell County] in the state of Virginia about two months – after which he hired as a substitute John Q Dabney [pension application W10311; see endnote] who joined the main army and was at the sege of york Town [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] (as he believes) and who served for his (deponent) and in his room & stead three months making in all about twelve months That he (Baber) has no discharge having lost or mislaid it and having had as above stated a substitute who was in the service in deponents room (as he believes) at the close of the war. That he was in no battle or battles. That he resided at the time of his volunteering in the County of Bedford aforesaid in the State of Virginia aforesaid. After the close of the war he remained in Bedford County in virginia aforesaid about seven or eight years perhaps more – he then removed to Rutherford County in the state of North Carolina and remained there about thirty two years – whence he removed to his present residence in the County of Gwinnett and State of Georgia aforesaid where he has been ever since. That he can establish some of the above facts by Mark Snow [pension application R9914] of the County of Gwinnett and State of Georgia aforesaid. That he was born in the County of Bedford aforesaid in the State of Virginia aforesaid in the year 1762. And he hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to any pension or anuity except the present & he declares that his name is not in the pension roll of the agency of any state. [signed] James Baber

[Mark Snow deposed that he had served with Baber in guarding the prison and magazine in Bedford County.]

Georgia } Personally came before the undersigned magistrate of the peace in & for the
Gwinnett County } State and County aforesaid James Baber and in addition to his former statement made in the declaration subjoined – and in obedience to the instruction of the War Department and in answer to the objections urged to his said declaration & for the purpose of amending the same – doth on his oath make the following further declaration. That according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For eight months I served as a private militia soldier – and for such service I claim a pension – and that the particulars relating to said service – the names of his officers – the time & manner of his entering into the service &c &c will as he thinks all be seen by a reference to his original declaration to which this will be annexed. He further states

that in the direct proof which he made as to his services the witness has made another affidavit in relation to the fact & as will be seen the magistrate administering the oath has certified to the credibility of the witness. To the 2nd Interrogatory prescribed by the War Department he answers as follows – that he has in his Bible the record of his age – which record was originally made as he has been informed and believes by his father according to which he was born on the second day of June in the year 1762. & To the 7th Intgty. prescribed by the War Department he answers that Mark Snow William Green & divers others of his neighbors to whom he is known can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief in his having served as a soldier in his revolution.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 4th day of June 1833

[signed] James Baber

NOTES:

In his pension application James Q. Dabney claimed the full three months tour at the Siege of Yorktown.

On 25 Nov 1843 Milley Baber of Cobb County GA, 81, applied for a pension stating that she married James Baber in 1785, and he died 17 July 1836. As proof of the marriage she submitted the original family record kept by James Baber in a book by Benjamin Keagh entitled *The Progress of Sin* printed in 1793, certified by herself and R. T. Baber, and transcribed below. Calculations of ages are also shown.

John Baber Was born the 9 of September 1797 – 31

Ba. Arther Baber was born the 25 day of Decembr. 1799 – 29 [name given elsewhere as Barnabas Arther]

George Baber was born the 31 day of March 1802 – 26

Milley A. C Crooks was born on Wednesday 28th of March 1810 Gwinnett – 17

This 18th day of Feberary 1827 I landed at Wm. Greens Georgia Jas.[?] Baber Sen'r.

James Baber Senor was born 2^d day of June 1762

Milley Baber his Wife was born 13th of June 1762 & in 1827 the 18th day of February we both landed at Wm. Greens. Gwinett County & State of Georgia.

1827

1762

65 years if age we both are in this present year 1827 June the 2^d & 13th whare we both Expect to End our days may the lord bless us both &c.

Anna Baber was born the 25 day of September 1785 43

Wm. Baber was born the 14th day of March 1787 41

Salley Baber was born the 30th day November 1788 40

Robert Baber was born 13th day of April 1791 38

Jane Baber was born the 10th day of March 1793 37

James Baber Jn'r was born 16 day of March 1795 33