

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Baxter (Beaxter) W4635 Elizabeth Baxter f76NC
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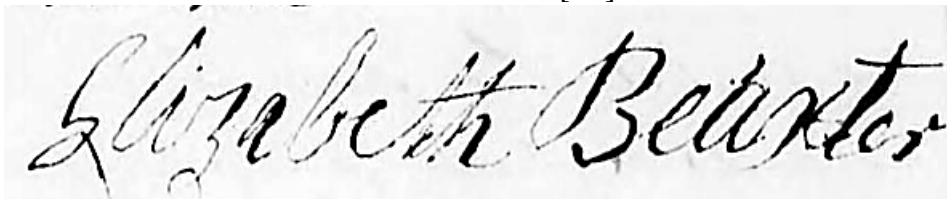
State of Georgia, Carroll County

On this nineteenth day of October 1839 personally appeared before me James H. Rodgers a Justice of the Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid Elizabeth Baxter a resident of the said County and State aged Seventy five years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows" that she is the widow of Andrew Baxter who was a first Lieutenant of light dragoons and served a ten months tour as a volunteer and she believes that Major Davy [sic, William Richardson Davie] since General Davie was his officer and that General Irvin was the General that he served in different capacities some times as a scout some times in pursuit of the Enemy in reconnoitering his out posts and also that he went one trip if not more against the Cherokee Indians and that he was off and on in the service for the most of the war he was a citizen of Mecklenburg County North Carolina and that while he was a first Lieutenant of light dragoons he was taken prisoner as will show by his parole¹ and that he was prevented from serving actively after that time as he was never exchanged the Country in which he served was from his native place to Charleston South Carolina and indeed all through those two states near the line between them he obtained for his services at one time two Negroes who were given as pay for some part of his services. She has forgotten most of what she knew she has heard him relate the battles in which he was engaged but does not now recollect them. She further declares that she was married to the said Andrew Baxter on the eighth of January 1784, that her husband the said Andrew Baxter died in the month of September or October 1816 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 (viz.) at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me.

S/ Jas H. Rodgers, JIC

S/ Elizabeth Baxter [sic]

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Baxter". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

[p 5: Bible record

Andrew Baxter was married to Elizabeth the 8th January 1784

John Baxter was born March 2nd, 178-[last digit obliterated]

James Baxter was born August 8th 17 [last two digits obliterated] and departed this life 21 January 1787

¹ I didn't see the parole among the papers in this file.

Thomas W. Baxter was born December 16, 1787
 Andrew L. [could be S.] Baxter was born March 1st, 1790
 Cynthia Baxter was born the 13th of November 1792
 Mary Laird Baxter was born May 8th, 1794
 Elizabeth Thomson Baxter was born June 28th, 1796
 Eli Baxter was born the 17th of November 1799
 Richard Baxter was born the 22nd of September 1802 and departed this life 9th September 1807
 Elizabeth Harris was born July 30th, 1764]

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[p 21: On May 23rd 1839, Thomas W Baxter and Ann Wiley gave testimony that they were well acquainted with Andrew Baxter deceased husband of Elizabeth Baxter an applicant for a pension under the 1838 act; that they were present when Andrew Baxter died which took place on or about October 4, 1816 at the residence of Ann Wiley near Milledgeville in the County of Baldwin Georgia.

Thomas W. Baxter
 Ann Wiley]

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Georgia, Cass County

Personally appeared before me Henry Loyless an acting Justice of the Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid Hugh Brewster² who being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that he was in his youth a citizen of Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina that he is now upwards of Eighty years of age, that he was in its use well acquainted with Andrew Baxter of the County & State last aforesaid and that the said Baxter was the junior of deponent, as deponent believes, and that he the said Andrew Baxter was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution, that he entered the Army during the latter part of the service as a private soldier under Captain Martin [Nathaniel Marshall Martin] and Major Davie's Battalion and served three months: and that he Baxter afterwards served a term of ten months as a first Lieutenant under Captain Martin in Col. Wade Hampton's Regiment. They were termed "Light Dragoons, State Troops," Baxter was always a very stout and energetic soldier & Officer, and that the said Baxter was taken prisoner by the British and kept in confinement in Charleston for some length of time, and has no knowledge of his being in the service afterwards. And that sometime after the war closed, he was, previous to the first day of January 1794, married to the daughter of Thomas Harris Esq. of Mecklenburg County and State of North Carolina, but does not know the given name of the Lady.

Sworn to and subscribed or made this 25th day of October 1839.

S/ Henry Loyless, JIC

S/ Hugh Brewster, X his mark

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Georgia, Campbell County

Personally appeared before me Alfred J. Camp an acting Justice of the Inferior Court for the above County and State William Brewster³ Senior who being duly sworn Deposeth & saith that he was in his youth a citizen of the State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County and that he is now upwards of Eighty Two years of age that he was in his youth well acquainted with Andrew Baxter of said County and State and that Andrew Baxter was somewhat his junior and that he the said Andrew Baxter was a soldier in the war of the Revolution that he entered the Army at or about the time it was half through that he served in different capacities and that he was in different Corps sometimes serving as a Soldier and sometimes as an officer that he was at one time as high up in office as Captain or first Lieutenant of Light Dragoons but I am unable from length of time and loss of memory to state the names of any of his officers or the Corps in which he served, he also says that he was accounted as good & active Soldier and officer and that he was taken Prisoner by the British and kept for some considerable length of time in Charleston South Carolina and this Deponent further states that he was Discharged upon parole from Charleston this Deponent went to see him to hear the news and he further states that the said Andrew Baxter was not again in active Service on account of his parole he further states that he knew Elizabeth Harris daughter of Thomas Harris Esq. of said County and State of North Carolina who was afterwards married to the said Andrew Baxter and who is the person now about to make application for a pension under the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows and that although this Deponent was not present at their marriage yet from common report he knows they were married having [been] acquainted with both the parties previous to that after their marriage and that day were not married until after the peace with Great Britain but before the first of January 1794.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 11th day of October 1839.

S/ A. J. Camp, JIC

S/ William Brewster, X his mark

² [Hugh Brewster \(Bruster\) S31578](#)

³ [William Brewster S9287](#)

[p 73: On October 19, 1839 William G Springer gave testimony in Carroll County Georgia that the widow Elizabeth Baxter was living with his family at that time and was still a widow.



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State of Alabama, Benton County

Personally appeared before me Albert Alexander an acting Justice of the peace for said County and State George Alexander⁴ who after being duly qualified Deposeth and saith that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and is nearly seventy-six years old and that he was personally acquainted with Andrew Baxter of Mecklenburg County North Carolina and that said Baxter was older than deponent says does not recollect the day nor month that he entered the service But on the 10th of July 1780 he was engaged with him the said Baxter as a private in the Battle of Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] in South Carolina in Captain Martin's company of volunteers Major Davie's Battalion (afterwards General Davie) of three months men and that said Battalion was discharged in August of 1780 and said Baxter entered as a first Lieutenant in Captain Foster's company of ten months men in March 1781 in Colonel Henry Hampton's Regiment in General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade of State Troops of South Carolina Rendezvoused at Winnsborough in South Carolina they marched [from] said place and took Fort Granby [May 14, 1781] on Congaree River and that he was taken prisoner at Dorchester⁵ 20 miles from Charleston South Carolina and that he was confined in Charleston a considerable time and served no more during the war in both Troops he served as a light dragoon this deponent further saith that said Baxter married Elizabeth Harris Daughter of Major Thomas Harris of Mecklenburg County North Carolina he believes in January 1784 previous to the first of January 1794 shortly after his marriage he emigrated to Georgia and [lived] there since in Georgia and knew them to be the same – he thinks he died about the year 1816 or '17 and that the applicant is the widow of Andrew Baxter Deceased.

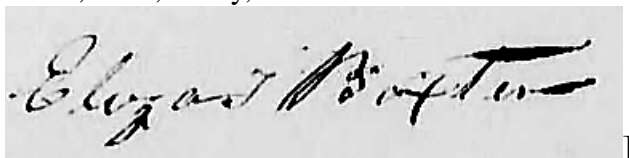
Sworn to and subscribed before me this third day of March 1840.

S/ Albert Alexander, JP

S/ George Alexander {Seal}



[p 12: On August 22, 1846 in Carroll County Georgia, Eliza T Baxter gave testimony that her mother Elizabeth Baxter applied for a pension for the services of her husband in the revolutionary war; that her mother died May 4, 1844 in Carroll County Georgia where she had lived for the last 16 years of her life; prior to that time she had resided in Hancock County; that her mother was survived by the following children: Thomas W Baxter, Mary Springer formerly Mary Baxter, Eliza T Baxter and Eli H Baxter; that Thomas W Baxter has since died leaving the following children Andrew, Mary, Thomas, Sarah, John, Leroy, Edwin and Richard Baxter.



⁴ [George Alexander W8324](#)

⁵ This MAY refer to the action on April 22, 1782 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_dorchester.html

[Facts in file: The widow, Elizabeth Baxter died May 4, 1844 in Carroll County, Ga. survived by the following children: Thomas W Baxter, Mary Springer, Eliza T. Baxter, Eli H. Baxter; that Thomas W. Baxter died after his mother's death leaving the following children: Andrew, Mary, Thomas, Sarah, John, Leroy, Edwin and Richard Baxter.; John Springer served as administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Baxter, widow of the veteran; Elizabeth Harris Baxter was the daughter of Major Thomas Harris of Mecklenburg County, NC; she was living in the home of William G. Springer in Carroll County, Ga. at the time of her death.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$310 per annum commencing March 4, 1836, for her husband service for 3 months as a private and 18 months as a Lieut. of dragoons in the North Carolina service.]