

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Beal Baker W5212
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State of Georgia, Hall County

On this the fifth day of November eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court Before John Nichols, Samuel Fenly and Thomas S. Tate Judges of the Inferior Court now sitting as a Court of Ordinary, Beal Baker, a resident of said State & County aged Seventy Six years the ninth day of February last who being first 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 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Deponent states he entered the service by volunteering in the place of a younger brother who was drafted on the 25th day of March does not recollect distinctly in what year but thinks it was in the year Seventeen hundred and seventy nine under Capt. William Armstrong does not recollect the name of the Major but was under Col. Malmady [sic, Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmady (also Malmedy, Malmèdy)] but recollects that he marched under Genl Butler [John Butler] until he joined headquarters when Gen'l Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] commanded that he served a tour of three months. Lived in Rowan County North Carolina when he entered the Service this tour was called and known by the name of the Stono campaign. Deponent returned home at the expiration of the term. Removed to Lincoln County North Carolina and in the month of September Seventeen hundred and eighty one turned out again under Capt. John Hurstleberry [John Hazzleburger], Major White [perhaps Joseph White], Col. McDowell [Charles McDowell] & Gen'l Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. Served a tour of three months at Wilmington North Carolina. Was discharged in writing signed by Francis Defoe which discharge is lost or destroyed. Deponent further states that he received a discharge for his first tour of duty from Gen'l Rutherford which is also lost.

That he was born in Baltimore County State of Maryland on the ninth day of February Seventeen hundred and fifty one. That the record of his age has been recently lost. That he lived in Lincoln County North Carolina several years after the war. Then he moved to the State of Georgia Franklin County and remained upwards of thirty years. Then he moved to Hall County in said State where has lived for the last ten years and where he now lives.

That he has no documenting evidence.

He duly relinquishes any 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before.

S/ Beal Baker



S/ John Nichols JJC

[James Whitten, a clergyman, and Henry Parks, a neighbor, gave the standard affidavit of reputation for veracity, age and service as a Revolutionary soldier.]

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Georgia Gwinnett County: Before me William Holland one of the acting Justices of the Peace in & for said County personally appeared Elias Baker¹ & after being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he served in person two tours of duty in the old Revolutionary war with Beal Baker one three months tour under General Butler & one three months tour under General Rutherford.

Sworn to & described this the 5th day of September 1832

S/ Elias Baker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elias Baker". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

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Amendment to Beal Baker declaration

Georgia, Hall County

Personally appeared before same the undersigned a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for said county, Beal Baker who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: on this the 25th of March 1779, I volunteered in the place of a younger brother and rendezvoused at a place called Charlotte in Mecklenburg County North Carolina and on the 11th of April in the same year was placed under the command of Capt. William Armstrong and attached to the regiment of Col. Malmady a french officer. This was a three months tour in which I served as a private militiaman . We marched to the Savannah River near Augusta and from there to a place called Pond Ponds [sic, Pon Pon River, now known as the South Edisto River] near the Stono inlet where we remained five or six days before the battle was fought at Stono which engagement I was not in being with the baggage I remained at this place until the 27th of June it being two days after my term of service ended. I then went home & got my discharge from Genl Rutherford after getting home.

Sometime in September 1781 I was called out again by Capt. John Hurstleberry to stand a draft but volunteered for three months as a private militiaman and was attached to Col. McDowell's Regiment and marched to Wilmington North Carolina and from there to a place called Claytons at the North East River eighteen miles from Wilmington at which place I was discharged by Frances Defoe a french officer having served my time of three months and for which service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th Jany 1834

S/ Beal Baker

S/ Wiley E. Wood J.I.C.

[p 16: On April 2, 1844 in Hall County Georgia, Sarah Baker, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Beal Baker, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband died August 31st, 1842 in Hall County Georgia; that she married Beal Baker in Burke County North Carolina on March 22, 1782; that they were married by James Alexander, a justice of the peace. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 20: On June 19, 1844 in Chattooga County Georgia, Sarah Baker, wife of Elias Baker, aged about 88 years gave testimony that she lived in Burke County North Carolina in 1782; that she entertains no

¹ [Elias Baker W5773](#)

doubts that Beal Baker and Sarah Brown were legally married in 1782 by James Alexander a justice of the peace in Burke County North Carolina though she was not present to witness the ceremony; she believes her husband Elias Baker was present at the wedding. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 24: On March 19, 1849 in Hall County Georgia, John Baker gave testimony that he is the eldest child of Beal Baker and wife Sarah, an applicant for a pension; that he was 64 years old on the 15th day of October 1848; that he has heard his parents frequently say that they were married about the time of the close of the Revolutionary war and lived in Lincoln County North Carolina until they removed to Franklin County in Georgia about 50 odd years ago; that affiant was married in Franklin County Georgia when he was in his 22nd year of his age; that his marriage was performed by Joel Mabry Esquire. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for six months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]