

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elias Baker W5773

Sarah Baker

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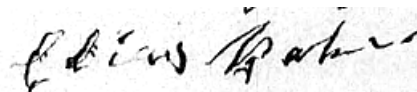
State of Georgia, Gwinnett County: Inferior Court Sept Term 1832

On this 25th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court (it being a Court of Records) now sitting, Elias Baker a resident of the said County of Gwinnett, & State aforesaid aged Seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the follow declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officer and served as herein stated (to wit) that he entered the service in Rowan County & State of North Carolina where he then resided as a Volunteer under the command of Capt. John Graham & Lieutenant Francis Ross under the Command of Genl. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] for the Term of three months & was afterwards discharged by said Capt. Graham in this tour who were fighting against the Cherokee Indians and the service was rendered in the year 1777. Afterwards That he entered the service on a Tour of three Months under Capt. Joseph White and Lieutenant Benjamin Knox attached to Col. Malmedy's [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] Regiment & was commanded by Genl. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and was in the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] under said officers & discharged by Genl Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], afterwards entered the army again for three months more under Capt. Hasselbury [John Hazzleburger] & Lieutenant George Ligman attached to Col. McDowell's [Charles McDowell] Regiment commanded by Genl. Rutherford & was regularly discharged by Col. McDowell at Wilmington N. Ca. that he was a resident of Rowan County & State of N Carolina during all of the before mentioned Three service Tours. That all three of his discharges are mislaid or such that he cannot find them that he recollects of no person living who can prove the before several services except Joshua Baker who can prove our service neither has he any documenting evidence by which he can prove said several Tours of service[;] that since the Revolutionary War he removed to the State of Georgia then to the State of Illinois thence back to the State of Georgia again where he now is a resident of Gwinnett County as above mentioned. He 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.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ Elias Baker



(Attest) S/ Wm. Maltbie C.J.C.

[James Williams, a clergyman, and Thomas Worthy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Gwinnett County: Before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of said County personally appeared Joshua Baker and after being duly sworn deposed & answered as follows – That he does know of his own knowledge that Elias Baker of the State & County aforesaid who has applied for a pension was a soldier of the Revolution and was in the Battle of Stono in the year 1779 that his term of service when he was in that Battle was 3 months Joseph White was his Captain attached to Colonel Malmadys Regiment & under the command of General Lincoln and that he deponent was in the Army & belonged to the same company with Elias Baker. Deponent further saith that Elias Baker was in the Army at other times but how long he does not know.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 24 May 1833

S/ John Mills, JP

S/ Joshua Baker, X his mark

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Georgia, Gwinnett County

Before me the undersigned, a justice of the peace of said County personally appeared Elias Baker & after being duly sworn makes the following statement & amendment of his annexed Declaration in order to obtain a Pension to wit that in the year 1779 he entered the service of his second tour as a drafted man & served as stated in his declaration. That in the year 1781 he served his third tour under the officers & as stated in his said declaration as a drafted militiaman & he recollects the date of this last tour from the fact that at that time the battle was fought at Guilford & Cornwallis marched on toward Virginia and that in each service he was a private soldier that he was living in Rowan County North Carolina each time he entered the service after the War he removed to Elbert County Georgia from there to Franklin County Georgia thence to Madison County Illinois thence removed to Gwinnett County where he still resides. That Thomas Lawry [?], John Lawry [?], and William Frizzell were of his mess in the first service - that Beall Baker,<sup>1</sup> Benjamin Baker, & Capt Joseph White were of his mess in the second service - and that Beall Baker & Samuel Killian were of his mess in the third service - That he was born in Baltimore County State of Maryland on the 22 day of January 1760- That he has a record of his age in an old Book entitled "Saints Rest" – That James Williams a clergyman - Thomas Worthy Esq. William Gwin Esq. Samuel Maloney & Col. Nathaniel Burge to all of whom he has been well known & many others of his neighbors can testify to his character for veracity & of their belief on his service as a soldier of the revolution and that since his former declaration he has found Beall Baker by whom he can show part of his service.

Sworn to and Subscribed on this 5 August 1833

S/ Elias Baker

(signed) John Mills J.P.

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Georgia Gwinnett County: Before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of said County personally appeared Beal Baker of the County of Hall in said State and after being duly sworn saith that in the year 1779 Elias Baker who now resides in said County of Gwinnett entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man in Captain Joseph White's

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<sup>1</sup> [Beal Baker W5212](#)

Company in Rowan County North Carolina & served a Tour of three months & was discharged from his service by General Rutherford – and that in the year 1781 in the same State & County he again entered the service in Captain Hasselberrys Company as a drafted man & served as a private soldier for another tour of three months and that deponent was a messmate of the said Elias Baker in each service – they both entered at the same time & were both regularly discharged after their service had expired and returned home together the said Elias Baker's discharge from his last service was from Colonel McDowell.

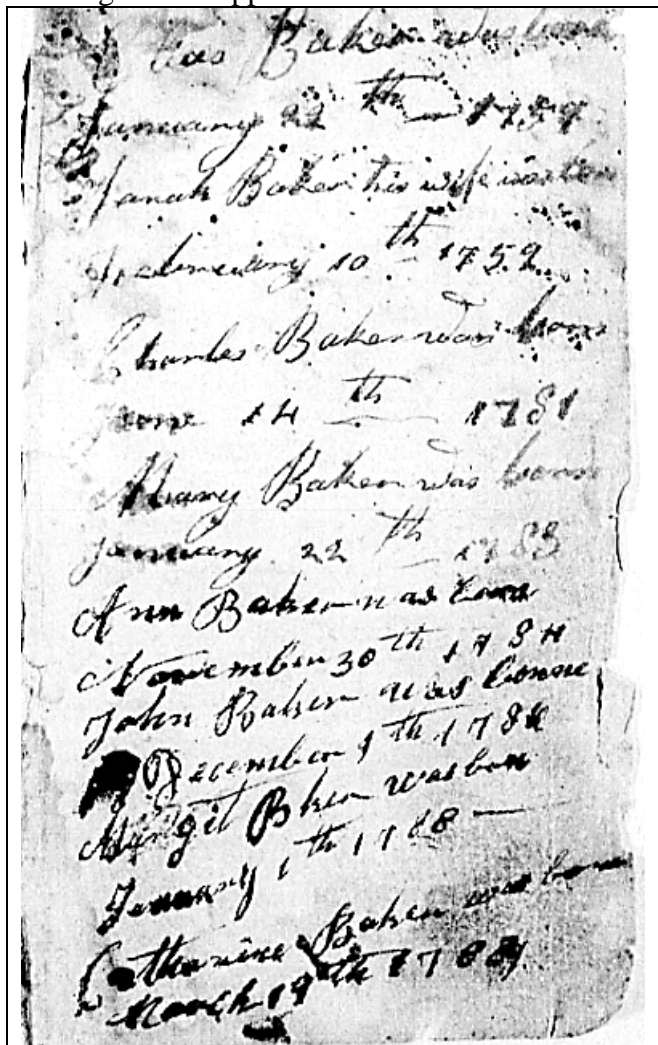
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833

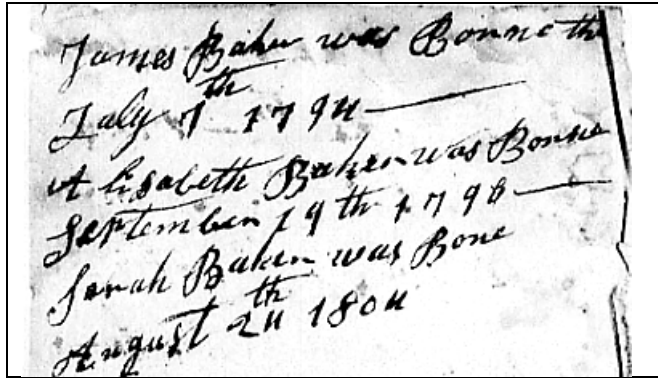
S/ Jo? Baker, JP

S/ Beal Baker

*Beal Baker*

[p 17: On October 12, 1848 in Chattooga County Georgia, Sarah Baker applied for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Elias Baker, a revolutionary war soldier and pensioner at the rate of \$30 per annum; that he died November 18, 1843; that she was married to him in Rowan County North Carolina June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1780 by Esquire Fifer; that she had 10 children by her husband 6 of whom are alive when last heard from; that she encloses a record of the ages of her children put down by her late husband in his own handwriting. She signed her application with her mark.

 <p><i>Elias Baker was born</i>  <i>January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1759</i>  <i>Sarah Baker his wife was born</i>  <i>February 10<sup>th</sup> 1759</i>  <i>Charles Baker was born</i>  <i>June 14<sup>th</sup> 1781</i>  <i>Henry Baker was born</i>  <i>January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1783</i>  <i>Ann Baker was born</i>  <i>November 30<sup>th</sup> 1784</i>  <i>John Baker was born</i>  <i>December 1<sup>st</sup> 1786</i>  <i>Abigail Baker was born</i>  <i>January 1<sup>st</sup> 1788</i>  <i>Catherine Baker was born</i>  <i>March 19<sup>th</sup> 1789</i></p>	<p>Elias Baker was born January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1759</p> <p>Sarah Baker his wife was born February 10<sup>th</sup> 1759</p> <p>Charles Baker was born June[?] 14<sup>th</sup> 1781</p> <p>Henry Baker was born January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1783</p> <p>Ann Baker was born November 30<sup>th</sup> 1784</p> <p>John Baker was born December first 1786</p> <p>Abigail Baker was born January first 1788</p> <p>Catherine Baker was born March 19<sup>th</sup> 1789</p>
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	<p>James Baker was born July 7<sup>th</sup> 1794</p> <p>Alisabeth Baker [Elizabeth Baker] was born September 19<sup>th</sup> 1798</p> <p>Sarah Baker was born August 2<sup>?</sup> 1804</p>
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[p 13: On October 7, 1848 in Forsyth County Georgia, Nicholas Sewell, 81 from the March 4<sup>th</sup> last gave testimony that he was born in Rowan County North Carolina and was well acquainted with Elias Baker and Sarah Holebrook [Sarah Holbrook?] in said County before they were married; that to the best of his recollection they were married just before or about the close of the Revolutionary war; that affiant lived a near neighbor within one and a half to two miles of John Holebrook, the father of Sarah now the widow of Elias Baker. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]