

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Baker W8339

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To the Honorable W. L. Kelly circuit Judge of the Garrard Circuit Court, the petition of Joseph Baker for a pension under the act of Congress in favor of revolutionary soldiers.

Your petitioner states on oath that he enlisted as a regular soldier at Hillsborough in North Carolina for the term of 12 months under Captain John Wilson and went with said Wilson to Wilmington, and was at Wilmington Incorporated into the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Continental Army commanded by Colonel Zachariah Dozier [Zachariah Dauge]; that he continued at Wilmington until the time was out, and obtained his discharge at that place, that he enlisted again under the same officer for the term of 6 months and served out the latter term at the same place, he was stationed at the barracks in Wilmington during the whole of the time aforesaid and that he obtained a discharge under the same instrument for both terms of service which discharge he left at the mouth of the Kanhaway [Kanawha River] as he came to the backwoods country, that he is now in his sixty eighth year, and is very infirm and in indigent circumstances, by which he is in need of assistance from the General government. He states that he knows no person at this distance of time by whom he can prove his service in this part of the world.

S/ Joseph Baker, X his mark

[Attested and authenticated by William L Kelly, December 31, 1819 in Garrard County Kentucky.

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Amended petition & Schedule of Joseph Baker

District of Kentucky

On this 21<sup>st</sup> of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being the County Court of Garrard being a Court of record in said District Joseph Baker aged about Sixty-nine years resident of Garrard County in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. He enlisted in the year 1780 with Captain John Wilson in the 10<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Regiment, commanded by Colonel Zachariah Dozier [Zachariah Dauge] for the term of 12 months on Continental establishment and served out his term and obtained an honorable discharge which he has lost. He further states that in a few days after the said term was out he again enlisted for the term of six months and served out the said term and obtained a discharge for the same, together with his former service together.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any

income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit:

One horse beast of the value of ten dollars & no more	\$10
Six head of cattle of the value of forty dollars & no more	40
Five head of hogs of the value of ten dollars and no more	<u>10</u>
making in all sixty dollars	\$60

That he owes about \$40.

His occupation is agriculture, that he has a wife about fifty years of age living with him. That he has ten children, that he has but three living with him, two boys & one girl – one of the boys about 13 & the other about 15 years of age, the girl is between seven & eight years of age. The rest live to themselves.

Sworn to and declared on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 1820.

S/ Joseph Baker, X his mark

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It appears from the Journals of the Old Congress that there were Company stationed at the different Seaport Towns in the State of North Carolina in the revolutionary war, of these Companies no musterrolls have been returned, it is believed from the declaration of this applicant that he belonged to a company stationed [at] Wilmington. Recorded

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary [North Carolina Secretary of State]  
17<sup>th</sup> of October 1820

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State of Kentucky, Garrard County

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Garrard County Court now sitting, Joseph Baker, a resident of Garrard County in the State of Kentucky, aged 77 years, 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

He states that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year \_\_, in Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina, Orange County, for the term of one year, and the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment under the command of Captain John Wilson – the Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Colonel Zachariah Dozier --

That he marched to Wilmington at the mouth of Cape Fear River, and continued there in the service, under the command of the above officers for 12 months.

After the expiration of the above, he again enlisted under the same officers for six months, and was stationed the whole of said period at the mouth of Cape Fear River--

He states that he was engaged in no battle, but whilst stationed at Wilmington he saw General Washington --

He has no documentary evidence in his possession of his Service --

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 and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Baker, X his mark

[Arabia J. Brown & William Lane gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 14: On October 20, 1838, in Garrard County, Kentucky, Susanna Baker, 76, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Joseph Baker, a pensioner of the United States, that she married said Baker in Wythe County in Virginia in 1778; and that said Joseph Baker died March 1, 1838. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On October 25, 1838, Abraham Baker gave an affidavit saying that he is the second child of Joseph Baker and Susanna Baker; and that he is now 52 years old. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]