

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Baker ¹ W9338

Elizabeth Baker

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[p 6]

State of Kentucky, Madison County

This the 5th day of April 1851 Before me William Stapp the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid duly authorized to administer oaths according to law personally appeared Mrs. Elizabeth Baker a resident of said County aged 86 years, after being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836 granting pensions to certain widows and any other acts which may provide for her: That she is the widow of James Baker deceased who was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution, in the State of North Carolina and served several tours at or near to the close thereof that the first tours of his service – was in the militia service previous to their marriage of which she now recollects but little, that in the year 1781, he entered the service of the said war for the term of 12 months & served in the Continental line of N. C. under Colonel Shepard [sic, Shepherd] as a private until the spring of 1782 in the company commanded by Captain Yarborough [Edward Yarborough]. That the most of his militia service was performed some where in North East part of N. C. That he served several tours in the militia in different places & at different times under Colonel Wynns [probably Col. Benjamin Wynns] & others not recollected. She further declares that she was married to her said husband James Baker deceased in Burke County State of N. C. on the 20th day of August 1781. That her name before her marriage was Elizabeth Montgomery [sic, Elizabeth Montgomery?]. That her said husband died in Madison County State of Kentucky on the 7th day of September in the year 1831. That she is now the widow of the said James Baker deceased having remained so ever since his death as aforesaid. That her said husband never drew a pension for his said services nor neither hath she. That he often talked of trying to obtain a pension in his lifetime but from the negligence of his agent, himself or some other cause unknown to her he never made any application. That she has ever since his death (until recently) been of the impression that there was no provision for the widows of those who had not applied and established their claims before their death. Consequently she deemed it useless to make any application from the fact of her husband's death previous to establishing his claim, all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed accompanying this application.

S/ Elizabeth Baker, X her mark

[p 4: On April 5, 1851 in Madison County Kentucky, Mrs. of Margaret Wallis, aged 64 years on the 18th of February last gave testimony that her mother, Elizabeth Baker, an applicant for a pension, and her father James Baker were married in Burke County State of North Carolina in the year Lord Cornwallis surrendered a short time previous thereto; that she, affiant, was born in Burke County North

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Carolina February 18, 1787; that she had several brothers and sisters older than herself but none of them are now living; that her father James Baker died in Madison County Kentucky September 7, 1831 and that her mother has never remarried and remains his widow. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office May 6th, 1851

I William J Clarke Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office in the records of payments made to sundry persons on account of Military services in the Revolutionary War, that the following payments were made to James Baker to wit:

Book No. 23 page 46 £7 S6

Allowance to Militia by Wilmington Auditors

sixth page, James Baker £3

Book 6 No. 17 page 1 £3

No. 180, page 2 £2 S15 for militia services

Also by original Roll deposited in this office marked Major Little's Roll, being the Roll of the third Division of the Militia drafted in Hertfordshire County signed copy Benjamin Wynns Collo., James Baker appears as a private in Captain Ward's Company.

Also in Book No. 19 After medically arranged "James Baker \$58.34."

Also in Book A A "Journal of the Proceedings of the Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly to liquidate and settle the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of the State of North Carolina to the first day of January 1782, at page 71 is the following entry:

"Allowed James Baker, soldier, 8 months pay from January 1, 1781 including Interest to August 1783 (4 months not settled) £23 S7 D1. The 4 months were not settled because the commission did not extend into the year 1782 and the service charged in the account presented was partly (i.e. 4 months of it) rendered in the year 1782.

The following payments appear in the name of J. Baker, to wit

Book K, page 7 Oct. 1779 £25

" No. 178, page 17 £1 S5

" C No. 17 page 8 £3

" " " 10 £1 S1 militia

" No. 24 page 68 £9

" 103 £6 S1 D6

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office the day & year above written

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr.

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that James Baker a private Soldier in Captain Yarborough's Company of the tenth Regiment, entered the service on the ___ day of ___ 1781, for the term of twelve months, and left the service on the 22nd day of April 1782; I do further certify that Abram Sheperd [Abraham Shepherd] was Colonel of the 10th Regiment. Given under my hand this 18th day of October 1851

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

State of Kentucky, Madison County

I, Elizabeth Baker of said County do on my oath make the following statements as a supplement to my Declaration filed in the pension office by James S. Fish of Mt Vernon Kentucky in April Inst.

That my husband James Baker deceased served several tours in the militia as a private in the early part of the Revolution, that he went one tour from Hertford County N. C. and one from Halifax County and others not recollected, that in the year 1781, he entered the service of said war in Rowan County N. C. and served as a private in the Continental line of N. C. under Colonel Shepherd of the 10th Regiment in the Company Commanded by Captain Yarborough until 1782 (12 months), that the family record hereto attached is the original and true record of her family. This the sixth day of November 1851.

S/ Elizabeth Baker, X her mark

S/ S. C. Johnson, JP

S/ E. B Wallace

I hope the Commissioner of Pensions will take up my case again as soon as practicable and forward my certificate when issued to James S. Fish of Mt Vernon Kentucky.

S/ Elizabeth Baker, X her mark

S/ S. C. Johnson, JP

S/ E. B Wallace

[p 10: family record:

James Baker Born the 9 Nov 1755

Elisabeth Baker Born Nov the 27 1766

James Baker married Elisabeth Baker formly Elisabeth Montgomery the 20 day of august 1781

Rebeca Baker was born noven the 20: 1782 [?]

Charles Baker was born Jan the 4: 1784

Marget Baker was born feb the 18: 1787

Sary Baker was born feb the 2: 1789

Elisabeth Baker was born may the 31: 1791

Jane Baker was born Sept the 20: 1793

James Baker was born dec the 5: 1795

Mary Baker was born april 1797

Elias Baker was born april the 2: 1799

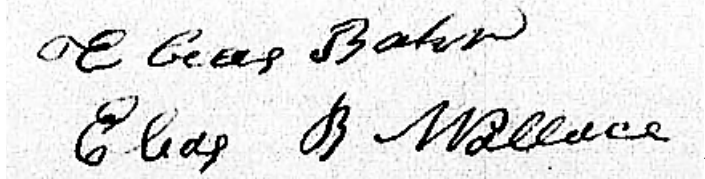
John Baker was born april 1801

Nancy Baker was born June the 30: 1804

Rachel Baker was born June the 30, 1804]

[p 3: Certificate dated April 14, 1851 given by the clerk of court of Burke County North Carolina that there is in his office an old marriage bond for the year 1780 and 1781 signed by James Baker on the back of which is the name Elizabeth Mongomry [sic, Elizabeth Montgomery?].]

[p 13: Of April 4, 1855 in Madison County Kentucky, the widow applied for her bounty land entitlement. She signed this document with her mark. Elias B Wallace of Madison County and Elias Baker of Garrard County gave a supporting affidavit.]



Elias B Baker
Elias B Wallace]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848, for service in by her husband as a private in the North Carolina service.]