

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Baker W9713
Transcribed by Will Graves

Mary Baker f63SC
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State of South Carolina

Joseph Baker Dr

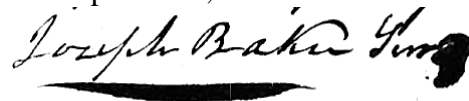
1776 June

To services rendered the State of South Carolina in the Revolutionary War from June 1776 to December 1782 being 6 years & 7 months making 2404 days at \$.50 per day is \$1202.00

200 Acres Land at

State of South Carolina in Charleston District: Personally appeared Joseph Baker Senior before me Jerois Henry Stevens One of the Justices of the Quorum for the district aforesaid who after being sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God and saith that the above Amount of \$1202 is justly due to him from the State of South Carolina, and that he has never received any part thereof either by discount or otherwise, directly or indirectly witness my hand

S/ Joseph Baker, Senior



Sworn to before made this 10 November 1824

S/ J H Stevens, Q. U.

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To the Honorable the Speaker & Member of the House of Representatives of South Carolina

The humble petition of Joseph Baker of Charleston South Carolina, Sheweth that your petitioner did render services during the Revolutionary War to the State for which your petitioner has never received any remuneration, he performed duty on James Island in the month of May 1776 in Captain Dills company, stationed at Riveres point, during the perpetration of the attack on Fort Moultrie [June 28, 1776] by the British fleet under the command of Sir Peter Parker in June '76 from thence he came to Charleston in April '76 & performed duty in the Charleston Ancient Battalion of Artillery and continued in Charleston doing duty until after the Retreat of General Provost [sic, Augustine Prevost], he was then ordered to Fort Moultrie under the command of C. C. Pinckney [Charles Cotesworth Pinckney] & remained in the Fort until it was surrendered to the British [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] by Colonel Scott [Lt. Col. William Scott], Your petitioner was taken prisoner in the Fort & was sent on board of the *Roebuck* man of war where he received his parole & was in Charleston for some time, from whence he made his escape & joined the forces under the command of General

Marion [Francis Marion], where he remained doing duty until he was marched into Charleston in December '82. Your petitioner also states to your Honorable Body, that he would not at so late a period have made his claim, but misfortune & pecuniary defaulties [sic, ?] as well as old age induces him to ask of your Honorable body that pay which is the due of him who has served his Country in the time of danger.

For the confirmation of which he submits the adjoined Respectable Certificates & your petitioner will ever pray.

Charleston 20 November 1825

S/ J. Baker

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State of South Carolina Charleston District} Personally came and Appeared before me Jerois Henry Stevens 1 of the Justices of the Quorum – Mr. Joseph Baker who being duly Sworn maketh oath that the Facts above Stated in the foregoing Petition asset forth are Just and Correct Sworn to before me this 10th November 1824

S/ J. H. Stevens, JQ

S/ Joseph Baker Senr.

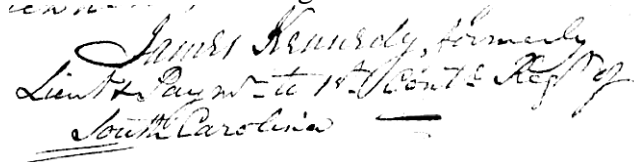
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State of South Carolina

From a variety of circumstances with which I am well acquainted & recollect perfectly, & from Facts stated to me by Mr. Joseph Baker I do not hesitate to certify my firm belief that he performed the services at Fort Moultrie & its vicinity & that he afterwards served under General Marion, during the Revolutionary War, as stated in his annexed Petition to the Senate of the State of South Carolina and I have also every reason to believe that he was in service at the lines of Charleston when General Prevost came before them in 1779, from particular circumstances which he has reminded me of.

Charleston 10th of October 1824.

S/ James Kennedy,¹ formerly
Lieutenant & Pay master the first
Continental Regiment of South Carolina



State of South Carolina

I do hereby Certify that the within named Petitioner Joseph Baker was enrolled, and did duty in the Ancient Battalion of Artillery (in which I was a commissioned officer) as a Private in April 1777 until after the Retreat of the British General Prevost from before the lines of Charleston when a Detachment from this Corps, was ordered to Fort Moultrie, as a reinforcement, in which the said Petitioner was detached, and there remained on duty until the Fort and Garrison surrendered to the British Naval force, and the Petitioner became a Prisoner of War, and imprisoned on Board the British man of war *Roebuck*, until he received his parole, and remained in Charleston until he made his escape, and joined General Marion's Army, doing duty until the close of the War, and from my knowledge of the Petitioner, he was a firm friend to this Country and did his duty as a good Soldier, and firm Patriot of our Revolution.

¹ [James Kennedy W490](#)

Charleston 19th of October 1824

S/ Dan'l Stevens²



formerly Colonel of the Regiment of Artillery Charleston

I do hereby Certify the above statements to be

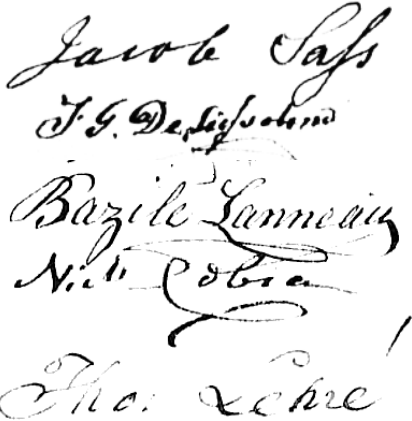
S/ Jacob Sass³

S/ F. G. DeSiessoborad [?]

S/ Bazile Lanneau

S/ Nic Cobia⁴

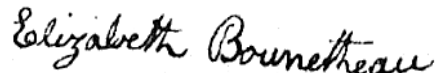
S/ Tho. Lehre



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I Elisabeth Bounetheau relic of Captain Peter Bounetheau late of the Charleston Ancient Battalion of artillery do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with Mr. Joseph Baker and knew that he performed duty under my Husband Captain Bounetheau in Charleston & in Marion's Camps & I believe that he was a true patriot & supporter of his Country in the Revolutionary Struggle

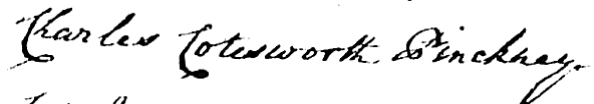
S/ Elizabeth Bounetheau



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From the enclosed certificate of Captain Kennedy I believe the Facts he has certified to be correct

S/ Charles Cotesworth Pinckney



Late Major General & Coll of the 1st Regt of S. Carolina

Charleston 9th of November 1825 I Eliza Bee relic of Mr. Joseph Bee of the City of Charleston & State of South Carolina do hereby certify that I knew Mr. Joseph Baker during the

² [Daniel Stevens S18214](#)

³ [Jacob Sass S21956](#)

⁴ [Nicholas Cobia W22843](#)

Revolutionary War that she knew he did duty with my late husband Mr. Bee, in the Charleston Ancient Battalion of Artillery in the year 1777 as also I knew that he was at the lines of Charleston during the appearance of General Prevost, and knew that he went to Fort Moultrie & also that he was taken prisoner with my husband & was on board of the prison ship during the time he was, and believes, also that he went to General Marion's Camp & then marched into Charleston in the year 1782 -- I do also certify that he lived with my Husband for seven years, at least -- viz. circumstances are related to the best of my recollection after a lapse of so many years.

S/ Eliza Bee



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Columbia 5th of December 1825

This is to certify that I Samuel Breed of Kershaw district, do hereby certify that I knew Mr. Jos. Baker, and that I knew that Mr. Baker was in the Charleston Ancient Battalion of Artillery & that he was taken prisoner at Fort Moultrie, at the same time with me, & that he received his parole at the time I did from the *Roebuck* man of war, & that I furnished him with provisions to go to Marion's Camps -- that he knew also that he marched into Charleston from Marion's Camps --

S/ Samuel Breed

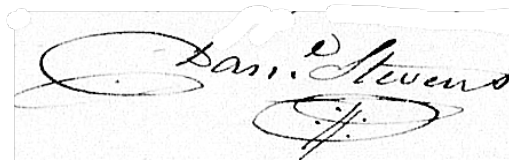


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I do hereby Certify that I was an officer of the Charleston Ancient Battalion of Artillery, during the Revolutionary War and that I never received any pay for my services, nor do I think that any officer or private of said Corps did ever receive any pay for their services, that I know of my own personal knowledge, that Mr. Joseph Baker was a member or private of said Corps, and was at that period doing duty therein and that he was in the Action⁵ at Beaufort with the British Force under a Major Gardner [Valentine Gardiner], under the Command of General Moultrie and do further certify that the said Corps was throughout the period of the Revolutionary War, actively and constantly employed in service, and among other services, made up all the ammunition of every species, and kind for the service of the respective Troops and deposited in the Laboratory in the City of Charleston, --

Charleston

S/ Daniel Stevens

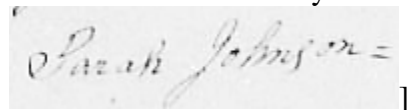


29th of November 1825

[p 3: On May 9, 1843 in Charleston South Carolina, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, a widow, aged 66 having been born in 1777, gave testimony that she was intimately acquainted with Joseph Baker deceased and his wife Mary, now his widow; that she was present at their marriage which took place at the house of Mrs. Thomas Bennett, the aunt of Mary, on September 25, 1788; that the

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_port_royal_island_2.html

ceremony was performed by the Reverend Mr. Maccauley, a Presbyterian minister of Christ Church Parish in the city of Charleston; that Joseph Baker died in 1826.



Sarah Johnson =]

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston:

On this 5 day of August 1844 personally appeared before me Mrs. Mary Baker, aged 74 years a resident of Charleston who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to be entitled to the benefit of the 3rd Section of the act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836, the act of 7 July 1838, the act of 3 March 1843 -- the act 30 April 1844 and the act of 17 June 1844, in relation to the widows of revolutionary Soldiers, That, she is the widow of Joseph Baker late of Charleston who was a private in one of the Militia Companies raised in Charleston during the revolutionary war, that, he served in same as Deponent heard and believes, under arms during said war two years, that, he served at Fort Moultrie under General Pinckney, at Fort Johnson and at the Siege of Charleston, & at the Battle of Stono, but Deponent cannot tell the names of the officers under whom he served, at the surrender of Charleston he was made a prisoner, and confined on board a prison ship in the harbor from which he escaped to the Camp of Marion [Francis Marion] near the city with whom he served until it was evacuated by the British.

She further declares that, she was married to the said Joseph Baker by the Reverend Mr. Maccaully of the Independent Church in the City of Charleston on the 25 September 1788 -- and that same is recorded in the family Bible, and that said Joseph Baker died in 1826, she further declares that she was married at the time above stated, to wit, previous to the first January 1794, and that she has not since been married, and that she is now a widow, she further declares that, she has been endeavoring since 1838 to lay her claim before the department but that, owing to the difficulty of obtaining the proof subjoined, she was not able sooner to do so.

Sworn to before me the day & year above written.

I also certify the credibility of the affiant

S/ Mary Bakre [sic]



S/ Jno. B. Eckhard, Recorder of the City of Charleston
and Judge of the City Court of Charleston

[p 10: On August 8, 1844 in Charleston South Carolina, Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Toomer, 55, gave testimony that she is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Baker; that the leaf of the Bible annexed to her affidavit contains the entry of the marriage of her parents on September 25, 1788 and her own birth on August 13th 1789: "Deponent saith she often heard her father speak of his services while under arms in the war of the Revolution, of his being at Fort Moultrie -- at the Siege of Charleston -- of being made prisoner, of being confined in a ship, of his escape from thence & his services with Marion, Deponent says, that it is her belief that it was for the services, that the Legislature of South Carolina granted him \$300 in 1825. She remembers well her father telling her how when General Lafayette was in Charleston in 1825, that, he at once recognized said Jos Baker as one of the revolutionary officers or Soldiers; ..."

Elizabeth, Mary, Thomas

[p 11: "Family Record"]

Joseph and Mary Baker was Married September the 25, 1788

Elizabeth May Baker was born August 13th 1789

William Hamatrit (?) Baker was born February 22 1792

Anna Mariah Baker was born April 29 179 [last digit obliterated]

Joseph Baker was born July 23 -- 17 [last 2 digits obliterated]

Thomas Jefferson Baker was born November 27 1799

Loiza Baker was born August 26th 1802

and departed this life September 3 1803

John Baker was born December 16 1804

Edward Bonneal Baker was born the 15th of November 1806

Robert Little Baker was born the 14 day of October 1807 [? this date has been written over and is unclear]

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[p 12: On August 19, 1845 in Charleston South Carolina, Robert L. Baker, 37, a citizen of Charleston and son of Mary and Joseph Baker filed a claim on behalf of himself and his siblings for the benefits due their mother Mary Baker as the widow of their father. He states "that, said Mary Baker deceased was the widow of Joseph Baker, who was a matross [gunner or gunner's mate] in the Revolution and Died in 1826, said Mary Baker died on the 11th day of May A.D. 1845, and that after her death a pension was granted to her under the act of July 7th, 1838 for five years at the rate of \$100 per annum...."



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[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service for 2 years as a Matross in the South Carolina Artillery.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to Joseph Baker AA43
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 248A

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The State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the State aforesaid

The Petition of Joseph Baker of the City of Charleston in the said State –
Sheweth, that he having served the State of South Carolina in the Revolutionary War from the year 1776 until the year 1782 and having never received one cent of Compensation, he Humbly Petitions your Honorable Body to make him Compensation for the services rendered to the State.

Your Petitioner further states that he was in the services of the State at Rivers Point [on James Island] when the British Fleet under the command of Sir Peter Parker was defeated before Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776], he also afterwards was on duty at the House of Mr. Gibbes [William Gibbes' house] late Peter Smith's under the Command of Major Haywood [Thomas Haywood] of the Ancient Battalion of Artillery until General Provost [Augustine Prevost] made his appearance before the lines of Charleston and remained on duty at the lines until he retreated from thence your Petitioner was ordered to Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island then under the command of General C C Pinckney, then Colonel, and remained in the Fort until its Capitulation [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] to the British the Fort then being under the command of Colonel Scott, Your Petitioner was taken on Board the *Roebuck* Admiral Amberthnot [Mariot Arbuthnot] and Received a parole through the exertions of Mr. Henry Perrennedu [Henry Perronneau?] from the Admiralty and remained as a prisoner in the City until the British Confined the Prisoners to the Homes, at which time your Petitioner made his escape to General Marion's Camp and served there in the capacity of Deputy Quarter Master under Quarter Master Murphy until I was marched into the City [the British evacuated Charleston South Carolina in December 1782].

Your Petitioner would not have addressed your Honorable Body as to his Claims, but his Numerous misfortunes has almost reduced him to Poverty and knowing your Honorable Body will always regard the Services of the Soldiers of '76 he is emboldened to ask for his pay for

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>.

Services rendered the State.

And your Petitioner will pray and so forth

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| The State of South Carolina | To Joseph Baker | Dr. |
| 1776 June | To Services rendered the State from June 1776 at Riveris Point James Island & in Charleston at the lines up to December 1779 | |
| 1779 Dec | To Services at Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island up to the Capitulation of the Fort on the 6 th May 1780 | |
| 1780 May 6 th | Remained a Prisoner on parole in Charleston until February 1781 | |
| 1781 Feby | To Services rendered at General Marion's Up to the 17 th December 1782 as Deputy Quarter Master | |

I do hereby certify that from various circumstances that Mr. Joseph Baker has brought to my recollection I do verily believe that he did perform the services mentioned above at Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island in 1778 & 1780 – but from having been a prisoner of War myself from May 1780 to August 1781, I have not the means of further vouching the remainder of his account – Given under my hand this 22nd of November 1821

S/ James Kennedy
former Lieutenant & Pay master
to the 1st Continental Regiment South Carolina

From what Mr. Baker relates I believe he was at Fort Moultrie when the British ships passed the Fort in April 1780; with the particulars of his Services, I have no recollection. November 22nd 1821

S/ Charles Cotesworth Pinckney

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During the Revolution I was not acquainted with Mr. Baker but from several circumstances which he has related to me since and from the knowledge I have of his probity I believe that he was faithfully devoted to the Interest of his Country and assisted to establish her Independence and Liberty – I also believe that Mr. Baker was with General Marion when he encamped at Watboo [Wadboo] [several indecipherable words].

Charleston 23rd November 1821

S/ Francis G. DeSiesselisad [?]

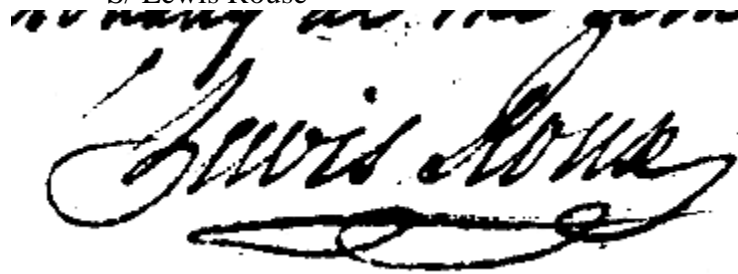
Francis G. Delaplane



From Circumstances related unto me by Mr. Baker of facts that took place at Wadboo, whilst I was in Camp with General Marion, I have cause to believe that Mr. Baker was also there & I did not know him personally at the time, –
Charleston 23rd November 1821

S/ Lewis Rouse

Lewis Rouse



From circumstances related to me by Mr. Joseph Baker when at the lines of Charleston when Prevost made his appearance, I being then at the lines do believe he was there also.
November 24th, 1821

Bazile Lanneau

Bazile Lanneau



I Certify that Mr. Joseph Baker was a Private in the Charleston Ancient Battalion of Artillery commanded by Major Thomas Haywood (in which I was an officer) and which was in the year 1779 stationed in the lines when General Prevost marched from Savannah with an intent to attack Charleston, that said Joseph Baker at the time did duty in said Corps in the defense of Charleston, and behaved himself as a good Soldier and faithful Citizen – that after the Siege of Charleston was raised in the British Army retired, he was employed at Fort Moultrie – where on the attack made in the succeeding year of May 1780 by the British Fleet under Admiral Arbuthnot on Charleston being assisted [?] again by Sir Henry Clinton with a large military force said Joseph Baker surrendered with the Troops as prisoner at Fort Motte Creek. Charleston 22nd November's 1821

S/ Daniel Stevens

NB turnover [there is not any addition to this affidavit shown in this file]

[p 11: another petition—this one addressed to the SC Senate and worded identically to the petition addressed to the SC Senate transcribed above.]

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The committee of claims to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Baker praying for compensation for revolutionary services

Report

They have had the same under consideration and from a want of information as to the compensation, if any, received by the said Joseph Baker, it appearing evident to your committee that he has performed certain services, Recommend that the same be referred to the Comptroller General, with instructions, that he inquire whether the petitioner has received any sum or sums of money or other satisfaction for such services, and if so what, and that he report thereon to this house as soon as convenient during the present session.

December 4th, 1821

S/ J. McKibbins, Chairman

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The committee of claims to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Baker praying compensation for revolutionary services

Report

That they have had the same under consideration and find that the petitioner has received two indents from the state, the first for £4.17, & the 2nd for £880 pounds currency, which your committee believes to have been paid in full consideration of his revolutionary services, and therefore recommend that the prayer of his petition the rejected.

S/ J. McKibbons, Chairman

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[Note: The following is heavily edited for spelling and punctuation]

Watteree [Wateree] August 30th 1822

Dear Nephew

I embrace this opportunity in writing to you letting you know that I am well at this Present. All that I can say concerning the times Back is that you was taken at Fort Moultrie as well as myself and put on board of the British fleet as myself and other prisoners. As for your going out to General Marion's [camp], I can testify for I furnished you with Provisions. That is all that I can say. You must find some of your officers to testify [as to] the Dates that you have done for your Country. You had better See in the office that was at the old General['s] House and look if my name is there Likewise. If I should live till the Spring I shall come down to see you all. I wrote you a letter of your cousin Washington's Death one year ago. I heard of the Death of Isabella. Give my Respects to your Wife and all the Children. Your son John wrote to get [?] Washington's Work tools but his Aunt Brow [?] let Canedy have them or Else he should have them. With the Greatest of happiness [indecipherable word or words] at Present but remains your Loving

Uncle till Death Saml Breed [Samuel Breed]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Saml Breed". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Walter August 20-1782

Dear Nephew I embrace this opportunity
in writing to you letting you know that I
am well at this Present all that I can say
concerning the times back is that you was taking
at first Moultrie as well as my self and
went on board of the British fleet as my self
and other persons as for your going out to
see Mervens I can testify for I furnished you
with Provisions that is all that I can say you
must find some of your officers to describe the
Dates that you have down for your Country you
had betwixt me in the office that is at the old
Garnett house and look if my name is there
like wise if I should live till the Spring
I shall come down to see you all I return you
a letter of your Cousin Washingtons Death over year
ago I heard of the Death of Sablea Give my respects
to your Wife and all the Children your Son John
rote to Great Washingtons War took butt two
Mint Arrow Let Comedy have them or Else he
should have them with the Greater of happiness
I amore at Present butt Remains your Loving
uncle till Death David Price

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State of South Carolina Charleston District

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives
The humble Petition of Joseph Baker of State aforesaid, Sheweth that your Petitioner was
engaged during the Revolutionary War in defense of his Country and that he has never received

any compensation whatever for his services which was during the whole war, that he served on James Island, in Charleston, Sullivan's Island and in Marion's Camp, as has been proved by most respectable persons, which certificates he refers your Honorable Body to in the Petition which he offered at the last session with the additional certificates adjoined to this Petition. Your Honorable body had reported to you that your Petitioner had received his pay,⁷ but your Petitioner begs leave to state that the charge exhibited against him was for the settlement of his Grand Father's Estate, and your Humble Body must perceive that so small an amount as £4.17 Shillings⁸ would not be in lieu of Seven Years services, he therefore prays that your Honorable body will cause the necessary steps to be taken so that your Petitioner may receive the amount due him for services rendered his country and your Petitioner will ever pray &c &c
November 1822

S/ J. Baker

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Baker", with a decorative flourish underneath.

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1 November 1822

We the Subscribers do hereby certify that we knew Mr. Joseph Baker during the Revolutionary War and to our knowledge he served in the militia during the whole of the War.

S/ Jacob Sass

S/ Geo. Elfe

S/ A. Gabeau⁹

S/ James Gay

[Note: Upon further review, the South Carolina legislature awarded the veteran \$300 in payment for his revolutionary war services.]

⁷ There is in this same file Indent [No. 704, Book B B for £880 Sterling] issued to a Mr. William Holmes for the account of a Joseph Baker on February 26, 1780. There is no supporting documentation for this Indent but I think it is the Indent the petitioner refers to when he says an Indent was issued to settle a claim made by his grandfather.

⁸ Evidently there was another indent issued to a Joseph Baker for £4.17 but I found no documentation relating to it in this file.

⁹ [Anthony Gabeau W21170](#)