

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Elias Baker W5773

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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 Frances 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 Regiment & was commanded by Genl. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and was in the Battle of Stono under said officers & discharged by Genl Rutherford, afterwards entered the army again for three months more under Capt. Hasselbury & Lieutenant George Ligman attached to Col. McDowell's [Joseph McDowell or 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.

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 there to Madison County Illinois thence removed to Gwinnett County where he still resides. That Thomas Laning [?], John Laning [?], and William Frizzell were of his mess in the first service - that Beall [or Bull] Baker, Benjamin Baker, & Capt Joseph White were of his mess in the second service - and that Beall [Bull?] 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 Worthing 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.