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Pension Application of Obadiah Baber (Beaver) R347

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State of Kentucky, Montgomery County Sct.

On this 20th day of November in the year 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and a member of the County Court of the said County of Montgomery, which is a Court of Record Hannah Baber, (alias Beaver) a resident of the said County of Montgomery, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows:" – That she is the Widow of Obadiah Baber (alias Beaver) dec'd. who was a private in the army of the Revolution against Great Britain, served as a volunteer and was attached to the Militia. The said Obadiah went out as a volunteer twice, in the service of the revolutionary War, – The first time the said Obadiah entered the Service, he took sick shortly after joining the army, and returned home sick – The said Obadiah Baber (alias Beaver) had a Brother named Elisha who was about the same time a regular soldier, in the Revolutionary War, and died in the service, as she always understood and believes. – Sometime after the said Obadiah returned home from the army sick, as before stated, there was another call for men, and the said Obadiah Baber went again (being the second time) as a volunteer, in the army, and served six months, and when Washington took the British she is not certain where, but thinks it was probably at yorktown [19 Oct 1781], the said Obadiah and others who were with him came home, of whom William Martin her Brother, now and for some six or seven years past, dead, was one. – She cannot owing to the infirmity of old age, and a failure of memory, give dates correctly – but remembers, that she and the said Obadiah Baber were married in Fluvanna County, Virginia, as well as she can remember some three or four months after General Washington took Cornwallis, by a Baptist preacher named Phillip Webber, – They had been married but little over nine months, when their first Child (Hiam Baber) was born, and he will be sixty two years of age on the 25th day of December 1844.

She thinks the said Obadiah Baber had a written discharge, but she and the said Obadiah could neither of them, read, and she does not know what has become of it, nor by whom it was signed. She often heard the said Obadiah Baber speak of the officers under whom he served, but being strangers to her, she cannot remember their names, except that she thinks Warren Cash (alias Kash) was one of them, but of what grade she cannot state. She does not know what has become of the said Warren Cash. She knows of no one living who served with the said Obadiah Baber in the War. She remembers it was stated that the officer whose name she has forgotten went to a place called point a fork [sic: Point of Fork at the junction of James and Rivanna Rivers] to join the army. About five years after her said Marriage, she had three Children, and moved to Kentucky and settled on a Creek called Fourmile, where they continued to live untill the said Obadiah died, which was about 22 years ago (the true time of his death was on the 28th day of January 1822) When they moved to Kentucky the place where they settled on Four mile Creek was then in Fayette County, but now Clark County. Upon the death of the said Obadiah Baber she moved to her son in law's (Randal Gordon's) in Montgomery County Ky. where she has lived ever since, and expects to live untill her death.

She has no documentary evidence of the services of the said Obadiah Baber – Obadiah Baber never had any other wife but her, nor has she ever married since his death. She and the said Obadiah Baber were raised in about half mile of each other and she was in a situation to know of his services aforesaid.

She on the account of age and bodily infirmity, is unable to go to Court, being as it is from where she lives, six miles to Mount sterling, the seat of Justice of Montgomery County where the Courts of

Record sit. – she has never drawn a pension – and that here marriage aforesaid to the said Obadiah Baber took place previous to the first day of January 1794, towit at the time above stated – and that she was not married to the said Obadiah prior to his leaving the service

Hannah herXmark Baber

NOTE:

Rachael Bush, born in Goochland County VA on 20 Aug 1768, surmised that Obadiah Baber had been a volunteer, because “there was no backwardness in turning out in those days to join the army.” She stated that she was present at the marriage of Obadiah and Hannah Baber, and that they and three children moved to present Clark County in March of 1786. She and five siblings (William Martin, Orson Martin, John Martin, Valentine Martin, and Elizabeth Martin) also moved from Fluvanna County to present Clark County in 1786. “Her father had some two or three years after she was born removed from Goochland to Fluvanna County.” Her statement was certified by her brother, Valentine Martin, 70.

Randal Gordon, born on 13 July 1784, stated that he married a daughter of Obadiah Baber on 10 Feb 1803. He stated that he understood from Baber that he had served two tours, one of three months and one of six months, and that he had also heard William Martin speak of those services before he died six or seven years previously.