

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Baker S30843

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State of Kentucky     }  
Cumberland County } Sgt.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 John Baker personally appeared in Court then sitting aged 81 the 24<sup>th</sup> Dec'r. last, who first being 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.

That he entered the Service of the United States as a Militia Man, under Capt. Bowlin [possibly Bolling] and part of the time under Capt. Roberson [probably Robertson]; at the first call of the Militia from Chesterfield County; we went to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] and stationed there, how long we were in service I do not recollect, was discharged at Sherly Hundred [sic: Shirley Hundred], on James River

The next Tower I went under Capt. Edward Mosely [probably Edward Moseley], we were caled to Williamsburgh, from that marched to Hampton; there then lay in Hampton Bay thirty sail of the Brittish, Col'n. Rob't. Good [sic: Robert Goode] Commanded our Regiment at that time, and I was Orderly Serjent in the Company. We lay in Williamsburgh some time before we went to Hampton, how long I was in the service the two Towers above mentioned I do not recollect, but to the best of my memory not less than two or three months.

The 3<sup>d</sup> Tower I went under same Capt. Mosely as well as I recollect. The Enemys fleet was in the River, and in possession of Hoods Garrison [Fort Hood on James River in Prince George County] They made an Attack on our lite infantry, which retreated, the next morning there were 40 men taken from the Militia to take possession of Hoods Garrison, where we were stationed a considerable time, under the command of Capt. Hill. After some time there came other men to take possession of s'd. garrison, and we were discharged.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Tower we were stationed at Babe's old Field [sic: Babb's Old Field] a considerable time I think Cl'n. Mosby commanded; I there made out a Return as Orderly Serjent of every thing necessary for our Company, the Sick, those able to do duty, those on furlo &c &c

The 5<sup>th</sup> Tower I was taken from the Regiment under the command of Lieut. White, I being Or'ly. Serjent stationed at Nancymand [sic: Nansemond] River. the Enemy being near us

the 6<sup>th</sup> Tower, we were caled to little Yoark [sic: Little York = Yorktown], how long we were there, I do not recollect, It was there I was discharged

The 7<sup>th</sup> Tower we went into South Hampton [sic: Southampton] crossing at Wistover [sic: Westover] on James River, commanded by Cl'n. Good, we went below, but where I do not recollect nor how long before we were discharged

The 8<sup>th</sup> Tower we went to Cabbin point below Petersburg [sic: Cabin Point on James River in Surry County below Petersburg], there we were alarmed (but false) the men much confused, where we marched from then I do not recollect. Our Capt. was E Mosely

The 9<sup>th</sup> Towere we were caled down James River very low down, and Retreated about 70 mile, the Brittish after us, we got to Petersburg, and there we had an engagment. the Commanders were Barren Stuband, Gen'l. Mulinburgh, Co'n. Forkner [sic: Baron von Steuben, Peter Muhlenberg, Ralph Faulkner]. This was in the year 1781 We then retreated to the [three illegible words] there we crossed James River at Tuccoho [sic: Tuckahoe] and went to Richmond, there we joined the Marqis delay Fayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette], from that to Bottoms Bridge, we returned to Richmond, from there to Wilton, and there I was discharged.

From my age, infirmity, and affliction I cannot recollect many occerrencies, but believe from first to last I

was in the service eighteen months, or two years

In addition I was one of the guard at Warwick to guard the Magesian [sic: magazine] at least one month.\*

\*I was also in one other tour under the command of Col Monroe in the lower part of Virginia But from my advanced age and the consequent infirmities together with the great lapse of time I am unable to state at what particular places or how long I was gone —

If I ever had a written discharge I do not recollect it.

I hereby relinquish every Claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Rool of the agency of any state

I was Born in Hanover County Virginia, lived in Chesterfield in the time of the revolutionary War, moved to Kentucky upwards of 20 years and settled in Cumberland County where I now reside.

[signed] John Baker

[Certified by James Baker, Sr. and Rev. Vachel Delenham.]

I Daniel Trabue [pension application S14727] of Columbia Adair County Ky Do on oath state that I am and have been acquainted with John Baker of Cumberland County Ky for upwards of sixty years and was a neighbour to him in virginia and in the year Jan'y. 1781 the british army came to Richmond I had just returned from the western Army to Chesterfield The Chesterfield Militia was called on and assembled together to oppose said enemy I Recolect that shortly after the militia was embodied I saw the said baker in Camp on Duty and shortly after this time a part of the Militia was sent Down on the South side of James River on a three Months tower of Duty I was one of the men that went and the said John Baker was Orderly Sergent we was in Capt Masteys Company Comanded by Gen'l Mulinburgh we went Down the River to Babbs Old Field and Suffock near Norfock our army was something like three thousand men the enemy Advanced on us we Retreated and Did March Day and night until we got to petersburg their Gen'l Barrn Stuben & some Men joined us and we had a battle [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] their that began about sun Rise and lasted until about the middle of that after none we lost on that Day in killed & wounded and some of our men made prisoner in all about one hundred men and it was thought the enemy lost five hundred men the said Baker was Orderly Sergant and Did his Duty that Day very faithful brave & accurate we had to Retreat this tower of Duty was three Months I was in several towers that year and Recolect saw the said Baker in other Camps on other Towers I think I can safly say he Did to my knoledge serve at least six Months that same year and perhaps a longer time given under my hand this 10 day of July 1832 [signed] Daniel Trabue

I Do further state being a neighbour and well acquainted with the said Baker Don't hesitate in saying he was alwise ready and Did go on Duty when ever Required Dureing the whole Revo'y War

[signed] Daniel Trabue

State of Kentucky Cumberland County Sct.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for said County, John Baker a Citizen of said County who made oath in due form of law, that his age is 82 years born in Hanover County State of Virginia in the year 1750 and his age recorded in the family bible of my father of Chesterfield County Virginia long since decease that he lived in Chesterfield County Virginia, during his whole service in the revolutionary War removed from Chesterfield County Virginia to Cumberland County Kentucky in the year 1810 where he now lives & has lived ever since. That he was called into service as a drafted Militiaman first in the year 1777 and in different years thereafter, up to and including the year 1781 and served as an Orderly Sergant.

That he was acquainted with Colo. Monroe, Lay Fayette & Stuben and even under their Command at different periods and at Petersburg, under Stuben as head commander. That he never received any discharges for his different tours, or if he did, he has lost them or as he believes they are destroyed.

That Benjamin Brummal, James Baker, Joseph Alexander, Joel Ousley, William Cheatham, John Parrish and indeed others, who reside in the neighborhood, can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

And said John Baker further swears, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection and belief he served not less than Two years as an Orderly Sergeant during his whole service, and for such service, he claims a pension.

And I further certify that the said John Baker from bodily infirmity & old age, he cannot attend the County Court with any degree of convenience and that he can prove his services by Wm. Baker & Benjamin Brummal [Benjamin Brummel, pension application S14984] of this County in addition to the proof made by Daniel Trabue of Adair County Kentucky – Sworn to & subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833

[signed] John Baker

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that “two of the three children of John Baker” received the final pension payment up to the date of his death on 4 Sep 1838.