

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Baker R405

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State of North Carolina, County of Nash

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting at Nashville in and for the County of Nash aforesaid William Baker a resident Citizen of the County of Nash aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his corporal 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 first under Captain Hardy Griffin or Captain Edward Gandy & which he does not recollect in a troop of Horse as a soldier raised for a three months Tour; but upon furnishing himself with a good Horse for the space of two months while on duty was by the Regulations of the War at that time discharged, which discharge he has in his possession & now exhibited in Open Court of which the following is a Copy

“Campt Uptons Mill April 24<sup>th</sup> 1781  
'Capt Crowell Troop William Baker  
'Soldier in the Horse Service—Having  
'served his tour of duty according to Law  
'is Discharged.           S/ Jas Read Col<sup>o</sup>  
                                  N. C. Militia”

That soon after he reached home during the same year he again enlisted as a Volunteer for a three months Service but furnishing himself with a good Horse during two months service was again discharged as is shown by the original discharge now in his possession and now exhibited in Open court of which the following is a Copy --

“Nash County 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1781  
'This may Certify that Wm Baker  
'has served his Tour of duty in Troop  
'of Horse and is hereby discharged by  
'me.                   S/ Hardy Griffin, Mjr.”

That at the time he first entered the Service of the United States in the War of the Revolution the Militia of North Carolina was arranged into Four Divisions that he belonged to the Fourth & being informed that if a man would Volunteer & furnished himself a Horse & served two months it would clear him from a Draft for three months service & that he accordingly Volunteered both times & served two Tours of duty of two months each in the Troop of Horse the first of which Tours as well as he recollects was early in the year 1781 or the latter part of the year 1780. He left this Nash County under Captain Hardy Griffin or Captain Edward Gandy & was marched to Halifax in North Carolina but when the Company got there; not being needed at that time were sent back home to remain till called for – soon after which a call was made and the Company that he was attached to was marched to Tarborough N. C. from whence we were marched under Colonel Clinch through the Counties of Nash, Warren, Granville & Orange to Hillsborough N. C. where or before which time he was attached to a Company of Horse under Captain Crowell – James Read Colonel – From Hillsboro was marched out to Deep River which we crossed at Ramsey's Mill just above the Junction of Deep & Haw rivers – up and down which two rivers and in the neighborhood thereof the Company continued to scour & reconnoiter – that section of the State being greatly infested with, and annoyed by the Tories, many of whom were taken & hung – until the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1781 when we were discharged as before shown and returned home – where however he remained but a short time there being another call for men he again Volunteered as he now thinks the second time under Captain Griffin though is not certain whether Griffin or Gandy in Nash County and marched to Hillsboro N. C. or near there under Colonel Bonds,

where we were put under other Officers & the Officers that went from Nash returned – From thence we marched out towards Salisbury North Carolina & then turned down and crossed the Yadkin River at the mouth of the Rocky River & from there went on to what was called Pine Tree or Camblen [sic, Camden] in South Carolina, where we were stationed during the balance of the term of service, after which we were marched back into Nash County, where those who went from Nash & returned with us were discharged on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1781 by Major Griffin as before shown --

Interrogatories

1<sup>st</sup> When and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Nash County and as I always have understood and believe on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1757.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have not; but my age was set down in an old Book that belonged to my Father & I recollect to have seen it frequently, though by some means or other the leaf on which it was written was torn and destroyed many years ago.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Nash County North Carolina on the same Tract of Land where I now Live

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I did volunteered as stated before both times --

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I cannot undertake to state with certainty any of the names of the Officers or Companies, or Circumstances connected with my services other than what is already detailed in the foregoing part of this Declaration

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I did receive to the first given by Col. James Read & the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Major Griffin both of which are now in my possession & have exhibited in Court.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: The Rev'd Jordan Sherrod, Nathan Joiner, Thomas Griffin & George Cooper, Esqr.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid --

Attest:

S/ William Baker, B his mark

S/ Benj. H. Blount, C. C. C.

[Jordan Sherrod, a clergyman, George Cooper, Esqr., Thomas Griffin & Nathan Joiner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On November 11, 1844, in Nash County, NC, Buly Baker, 83, made application for a widow's pension as the widow of William Baker stating "... that she is the widow of William Baker who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution that he entered the service in the year 1776 under one Captain White as she has often heard him say but which will more fully appear by certificate annexed which she has procured from the Secretary of the State of North Carolina and that her deceased husband William Baker died in the month of June 1842 that he was 94 years old when he died that she was married to her said husband in the year 1783 or thereabouts and she further declares that she was married by a man named John Bonds in the County of Nash and has resided in the same ever since and that she has no record evidence of her marriage nor does he believe there is any such Record...."]

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, and in 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 William Baker a private Soldier in Captain White's Company of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, entered the service on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1776 for the term of three years and that he was discharged on the first day of April 1779

Given under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1844

S/ W. Hill, Secretary

[Gearman D. Langley, 28, a resident of Nash County, gave an affidavit that his parents died was a child, that he was raised by William and Buly Baker, that he often hear William Baker say he served in the Revolution under one Capt. White; that the oldest child of William and Buly Baker is not less than 55 years of age. This affidavit is dated Nov. 12, 1844. Signed by Langley and attested by Nelson Bone, JP]

[Cordy Celah, 58, gave an affidavit stating that he often heard William Baker claim service during the Revolution under Capt. White. Signed with his mark and attested by Nelson Bone.]

State of North Carolina, Nash County

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845 personally appeared before Nelson Bone one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County Elizabeth Langley a Resident of the County of Nash and State aforesaid and first being duly sworn according to law deposed and saith on her oath that she is about 77 years old that she was acquainted with William Baker and Buly Bottoms before they were married together and that they were married together in [the] year 1788 and the reason she knows the date of their marriage is that they were close neighbors and that she was married herself on that date and that William Baker and Buly Bottoms was married in about one month after she was married and she further declares that this attached piece of paper contains the age of her oldest child William Langley and that the name of Charity Langley on the same piece is the oldest child of William & Buly Baker that her son William married Charity Baker and that the handwriting is of her son William that it was put down by him about [the] time they were married and she further sayeth that the said William Baker was a soldier because she can recollect herself very well while he [was] gone in the service.

Sworn to and subscribed to the day and year above written Before me

S/ Nelson Bone, JP

S/ Elizabeth Langley, X her mark

[No attachment appears in the file.]

[On October 1852, Duncan Baker, 60, gave a power of attorney stating that he was the son of William Baker (who died June 8, 1842) and Buly Baker (who died June 7, 1846), both in Nash County NC; that his father, William Baker, was a soldier of the Revolution and he, Duncan, is seeking whatever benefits might be due his father or mother.]

[facts in file: William Baker's wife name was Buly Bottoms Baker]

[James B. Crowell, 70, resident of Nash County, gave an affidavit dated January 28, 1845, stating that he recollects hearing his father, Joseph Crowell and William Baker speak of things that took place while they were in the war and "...that he well Recollects that on one occasion at we were cutting after William Baker had served out his time and come home that the said Baker and a man by the name of arbor had a quarrel he heard Baker Terrell Barber that while he baker was fighting for his Country that he arbor was lying out that the said Baker was always called then understood to be a soldier of the Revolution...."]