Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Pension Claim of Thomas Baker VAS1188 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[From Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia. Some of the online images are partly to totally illegible.]

This day Alexander Reed came before Bennett Clark a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid [Estill County KY] and made oath that Thomas Baker now a resident of the County aforesaid was the same Thomas Baker who was on the Campain against the Indians under the Command of General Lewis and in the Battle of the Point [Point Pleasant] under said Commandant on the tenth day of October 1774 he received wounds for which he the said Thomas Baker was placed on the pension list (as he has been informed) and further the said [illegible] states that the aforesaid Thomas Baker is yet living labouring under the said wounds – Given under my hand and seal as a Commissioned Justice of the Commonwealth in the County aforesaid – this 19th day of March 1812. Ben'tt Clark [On 6 April 1812 Samuel Estill made a similar statement before Green Clay, J.P., in Madison County KY.]

Satisfactory proof being produced, This Court doth Certify to his Excellency James Barber [sic] Esqr Govener of Virginia, that Thomas Baker Sen'r. was wounded at the battle faught on the Ohio, at the mouth of the Kanaway [sic: Kanawha River], in the year 1774, under the command of Andrew Lewis in Dunmores Expedition, by which he was disabled to provide the means of ordinary susteniance, by reason whereof he was entitled to a pention for Ten pounds from the State of Virginia, This Court doth further Certify, that Thomas Baker is a resedenter of Estill County and State of Kentucky, and by reason of his disability is in a indigent situation Given under our hands & seals this 17th day of August 1812 Jones Hay/ Jesse Cobb/ John Parke A Copy/ Teste Robert P. Clark C.E.C.C.

I do, with the advice of Council, hereby certify that Thomas Baker is continued on the list of Pensioners, with his former allowance, commencing the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 4th day of September, 1812. SBartour

Wm Pleasants

J S Barbour

NOTES:

The Battle of Point Pleasant was before the beginning of the Revolutionary War (19 April 1775). The last document in the file is a power of attorney dated 18 Feb 1814 signed by Baker with his

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