

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Bohun Baker ¹ R12281

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State of South Carolina County of Colleton District

I, Captain Richard Bohun Baker aged sixty-nine years, do upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year 1775 I enlisted for the term of "during the war," and served in the Regiment No. 2nd South Carolina Regiment under the command of Colonel William Moultrie of the South Carolina Line; and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the 2nd South Carolina Regular Regiment, commanded by Colonel at that time by Lieutenant Colonel Francis Marion.

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever: therefore,

Know all men by these presents, that I, Richard Bohun Baker -- aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint Major James Hamilton member of Congress to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of land due to me aforesaid; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him, for the special purposes above expressed.

S/ Richard Bohun Baker

~~PURPOSES ABOVE EXPRESSED.~~
Richard Bohun Baker

[attested January 31, 1827 in Charleston]

Warrant No. 1221 issued to Captain Richard Bohun Baker of the South Carolina Line for 300 acres of land -- February 22nd, 1827 and delivered to J. Hamilton

Charleston South Carolina August 23rd 1838

To honorable Joel R. Poinsett, Secretary of War
Sir,

I have been requested by the heirs of the late Captain Richard Bohun Baker to apply to the department for the arrears of this old gentleman's pension. He died on the 7th of November 1837, and two months pay is due -- will you give directions that I shall be informed what course

¹ BLWt1221—300

it will be necessary to adopt in order to procure the same.

Very Respectfully your obedient Servant
S/ James Simons, Attorney at law

[a note in the file reads in part: "He was paid to 4 Sep. 1837 the arrears do not appear to have been paid -- they may have been paid since the 3rd he June 1838 to which time we have returns."]

[Note: This application was initially rejected because it was filed in 1827, prior to the enactment of the 1828 pension act which extended the pension act to benefit Continental soldiers and officers who were not indigent. A note in the file indicates that the veteran was awarded a pension of \$480/ year commencing under the pension act of May 15, 1828.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Richard Bohun Baker AA5
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 249B

[p 2: form of Indent No. 96 [?] Book C dated December 4th, 1783 in the amount of £896.13.10 issued to Capt. Richard Bohun Baker of the 2nd South Carolina Continental Regiment for "the Amount of his Pay & Subsistence to the first day of January 1782 And for his Additional State Pay to the first day of May 1783 As per Certificates from the Auditor General dated the 4th December 1783."]

[p 3: reverse of the Indent]
Gent. [Gentlemen]

Please Settle the within Principal & Interest with Mr. Peter Bocqet having received the full Consideration for the same

S/ Richd B. Baker

[p 4: form of Indent No. 11 in the amount of £1547 and dated August 24, 1779 evidencing money loaned to the State of SC by Richard Bohun Baker.]

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Rec'd the Contents in an Indent No. 240 Book B 29 March 1784

S/ Richard B. Baker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard B Baker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Richard B. Baker".

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>.