

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Israel Baxter R21696

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State of Mississippi Green [Greene] County SS: In Circuit Court of Law September Term 1833

On this tenth day of September A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court, the undersigned Israel Baxter a resident of said County of Green and State of Mississippi aforesaid, aged Seventy-one years on the second day of March last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. -- That he entered the Army of the United States in the year 1778, as a substitute, for his father Theophilus Baxter as a private, who was drafted, in the militia of South Carolina, Georgetown District Long Bluff, on Pedee River, in the Company commanded by Thomas Williamson and Regiment commanded by Colonel ___ Calph^{Colb} [perhaps Abel Kolb]-- marched from Long Bluff to Hadley's Point [Haddrell's Point] in said State, he states that he served as a substitute as aforesaid one month when he was discharged by Captain Williamson -- which has been lost --

Shortly after his discharge, as aforesaid, he returned to Cheraw Hill, in the State of South Carolina and enlisted in a volunteer Company, at that place as a private, commanded by Captain William Dewitt, in Regiment commanded by the same Colonel ___ Calph -- Moultrie [William Moultrie] General, from which place he marched to Purisburg [Purrysburg] on the Savannah River, remained there a few weeks, then ordered to Charleston SC, fought the British at the Battle between them where the Americans at Coosa Hatchie Bridge [Coosawhatchie Bridge¹] Colonel Lawrence [John Laurens] there commanded -- in which service he was engaged, six months -- After discharge he returned to Long Bluff, and shortly after enlisted as a volunteer, for and during the war, in a horse company commanded by Captain Alexander McIntosh, attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Calph, Morris Murphy Lieutenant Colonel, ___ Marion [Francis Marion] General was principally engaged in skirmishes against the Tories, was taken prisoner by them twice -- that he was employed in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, as a substitute, or volunteer as above stated four years and six months.

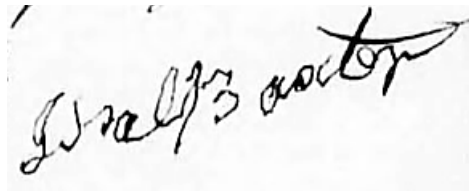
The undersigned further states that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Alex McCaskill, Clk

S/ Israel Baxter

¹ May 3, 1779 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_coosawhatchie.html



Question propounded by the said Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

In the State of North Carolina in the neighborhood of Kingston [Kinston] in the year A.D.
1762

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

That I have been informed that there was a record of my age in a family Bible which Bible with the record of my age was taken by an elder sister of mine, who is now dead and where the battle containing the record of my age are [sic] now unable to say

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

I was living on Pedee River in the State of South Carolina a few miles from what was then called Long Love -- remained there eight or 10 years then I moved to the State of Georgia and remained there until the year 1816 when I then removed to the Mississippi Territory and now the state of Mississippi.

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

I was a substitute and also a volunteer as stated in my declaration

5th The names of the officers under whom I served and the general circumstances of my services I have fully set forth in my declaration

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

I received a regular discharge from my respective Captains as set forth in declaration which have been lost or destroyed before I left the State of South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid in open Court

S/ Alex McCaskill, Clk

S/ Israel Baxter

[Isham Moody, a clergyman, and John McLeod gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Pension Application of Israel Baxter, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 180, Application #R21696

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

Green County, Mississippi, September 10, 1833, Israel Baxter, aged 71 years:

That he entered the army of the united States in the year 1778 as a substitute for his father, Theophilus Baxter as a private, who was drafted in the militia of South Carolina in Georgetown District at Long Bluff on Peedee River, in the company commanded by Thomas Williamson and regiment commanded by Colonel ___ Kolb. Marched from Long Bluff to Hadley's Point in said state. He states that he served as a substitute one month, when he was discharged by Captain Williamson..."

"Shortly after his discharge aforesaid, he returned to Cheraw Hill in said state of South Carolina and enlisted in a volunteer company at that place, commanded by Captain William DeWitt in regiment commanded by the same colonel, Kolb, Moultrie, general, from which place

he marched to Purysburg on the Savannah River. Remained there a few weeks then went to Charleston, SC. Fought the British at the battle between them and the Americans at Coosa Hatchie Bridge [*per Heitman, May 11-33, 1779, same as the siege of Charleston*], Colonel Lawrence then commanding, in which service he was engaged six months.”

“After discharge he returned to Long Bluff and shortly afterwards enlisted as a volunteer for and during the war in a horse company commanded by Captain Alexander McIntosh, attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel Kolb, Morris Murphy, Lt. Colonel, Marion, general. Was principally engaged in skirmishes against the Tories, was taken prisoner by them twice. That he was engaged in the service...four years and six months...”

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Israel Baxter
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 365

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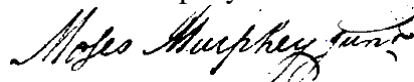
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No. 89 Book N
No. 24

Mr. Isreal Baxter [sic] his Account of 20 days duty done in the Militia in 1782 Driving Stock Amounting to £1.8.6 Sterling

Received 23 May 1789 full satisfaction for this Account in an Indent No. 89, Book N by an Order

S/ Moses Murphey Junior



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Gentlemen Pee Dee Cheraw District

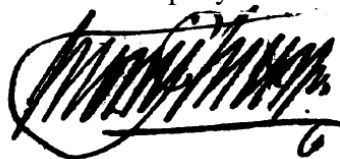
You will please to Grant to Colonel Morris Murphey an Indent for my publick Account and oblige Gentlemen Your
this 24th of October 1784 [? last digit unclear]

S/ Israel Baxter



Gentlemen please to deliver the within Indent to Moses Murphey

S/ Morris Murphey



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/>.