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Pension Application of Elisha Baker R411                      Sally Baker      NC  
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The State of Alabama      }            On this 18<sup>st</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
County of Blount             }            hundred and Thirty four personally appeared in open Court before the  
  }            Court of Blount County now sitting Sally Baker a Resident of Aldredges

Cove in the County of Blount State of Alabama aged seventy eight years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress pass June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832– That Elisha Baker Late of Blount County Deceased was Born in Dobs County North Carolina [sic: Dobbs County, formed from Johnston in 1759] the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1756 and intermarried with this Deponent the Sixth day of April 1776 – and that the Said Elisha Baker entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That He enroled himself as a private volunteer in the month of January 1776 the day not recollected – for the Term of Three months in the militia of North Carolina in the Company of Capt John Garland in the Regiment of Col Richard Caswell. Col Caswel and Col Lillingtons [Alexander Lillington’s] Regiments were together acting in Concert to oppose the [Scottish] Highland emigrants who were collecting to march to the Royal Standard of Governor Martin at Wilmington. This Deponent husband Elisha Baker frequently related to her & others the following facts upon said Tour that Lilington & Caswell took up their march to oppose them on their march to the British Standard in North Carolina That our Troops were on their march to Moors Creek Bridge [Moore’s Creek Bridge in Pender County] and Stopped one evening in February a few miles from it to encamp and a Flag came in from the enemy and after a short consultation our Regiments parraded and marched that night to Moor’s Creek Bridge and Tore up the punchens & plank that covered the Bridge & encamed & entrenched that night on the opposite side from the Enemy early on the next morning [27 Feb 1776] – Gen [Donald] McDonald, the Commander of the Emigrants, attacked us. They attempted to cross to our encampment on the Sleepers of the Bridge & when they were full of the enemy we fired upon them with the small arms and a Large Cannon [a three-pounder] called Mother Covington Many of their officers & men were killed on the Bridge & fell in the water. One of their principal officers McLoud [sic: Captain Donald MacLeod] was killed & McDonald taken prisoner & the whole party Defeated & the said Elisha Baker served out his time and returned home in the month of April 1776 & Discharged on this Tour Edward Gatland [probably Edward Garland] was his Lieutenant

And the said Elisha Baker again enroled himself as a Drafted Militia man & orderly seargent from Craven County North Carolina early in the month of May in the year 1780 in Capt David Roach’s Company in Col Richard Caswells regiment under his Father Gen Richard Caswell and march from thence to South Carolina and was in Gen [Horatio] Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] and was in Advance & engaged in the night attack. his Capt was killed in this Defeat and after this Defeat the said Elisha Baker with other retreated to North Carolina and Detached & placed under one Charles Johnson an Adjutant and sent to Kingston [sic: Kinston] where a provision store was kept and remained there making Catridges for the Army until he had served six months and then he was permitted to return home early in November in the same year – and his Discharge was Brought to him after he had returned home by One Capt Dillamar who was also in Gates Defeat And he again enrolled himself in the month of May in the year 1781 as a private volunteer in the company of Capt William Windham under Col Tilmon [sic: John Tilman] of the North Carolina Militia & served under them Scouting against the Tories on Nuse [sic: Neuse] River Thirty Days & Discharged & at the time of Enrolment Lived in Craven County And he again enroled himself as a Private in the Company of Capt Swan Trouton under Major or Col Crafton of the North Carolina State Troops in the month of October in the year 1781 for the Term of Twelve months and marched from home and was Stationed During the most of this Campaign at Durham Hall in Bute County [sic: divided into Franklin and Warren counties in 1779] North Carolina & remained

there stationed to keep down the Tories and he was out on many scouts against them whilst stationed there but was in no Battles – and he served out his Term & returned home in October in the year 1782 – & she knows nothing of any Discharges on this Tour – & when he was last enroled resided in Craven County North Carolina. That Her Husband the said Elisha Baker Died in the County of Blount in the State of Alabama on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of Our Lord 1833 That he was insane for eighteen months previous thereto so that he was incapable of making his declaration to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that she is the Lawful Widow of the said Elisha Baker & claims the Benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 She hereby declares she has no record of his age & since the Revolutionary War the said Deceased lived six or seven years in North Carolina then he removed to Georgia & Lived near twenty years then removed to Tennessee from thence to Jefferson County Alabama & Lived near fifteen years and then removed to Blount County Alabama the first of January 1832 and here died the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 1833 I knew of but one written discharge he ever received & know it was burnt in his house during his lifetime the house and books & all his papers being destroyed by fire I am known in my present neighborhood by John Fowler William Holt Robert Shambly Charles Holt & John Ratliff who can Testify to the Character of my husband & myself for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and the said Sally Baker declares that she has no Documentary evidence of the said Elisha Baker's Revolutionary Services and knows of no person living whose testimony she can procure who can Testify to her said Husbands services. She hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity on of & in right of him the Deceased and declares that his name is not to her knowledge on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

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The State of Alabama }  
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On this 14 day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Thirty four personally appeared in open court before the Court of Blount County now sitting Sally Baker the Lawful Widow of Elisha Baker Late of Blount County Deceased, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following Amendment to the foregoing original Declaration made in this Court on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1834 to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 The said Sally states that she Recollects that in the War of the Revolution & some time before the Surrender of Charleston [on 12 May 1780] there was a Draft in the State of North Carolina for the Term of Eighteen months and the Troops marched to the Northern Army. She further states that the Twelve months services of her husband in the year 1781 and 1782 was in consequence of a requisition for the State of North Carolina to furnish Troops for Twelve months a Draft was ordered late in the Summer or early in September in the year 1781 – a certain Ratio had to be raised by said Draft. the said Elisha Baker then belonged at Home to the Militia Company of Capt Charles Roach the Brother of Capt David Roach who was killed at Gen Gates Defeat. the Company was Classed off and each Class had to furnish one man and the class to which the said Elisha belonged agreed to pay him a certain sum of money for him to enroll his name for Twelve months – and they enroled his name in Lieu of Standing his draft. he then gathered his Corn early in the fall & left home & found his regiment and the Corps thus embodied was called the State Regiment and during all the Tours of said Elisha Baker he was with an embodied Corps doing duty as a soldier & not engaged in any Civil pursuit. the said Sally Baker thinks she cannot be mistaken in the Drafts of North Carolina for the periods of 12 & 18 months above spoken of & she thinks the Troops Raised were called The State Troops the said Elisha was not a minute man as suggested by the Hon J. L. Edwards [Commissioner of Pensions] to the Hon C C Clay of 5<sup>th</sup> April 1834 The said Elisha Baker once recollected the 10<sup>th</sup> Continental Regiment. They marched up from Willmington Station Short time at Kingston thence to Halifax on Roanoke & there were Vaxinated with Small Pox thence marched to the Northern Army. the said Sally Baker recollects said Regiment – her Brother Obediah Windham enlisted therein under Capt Vance & lost his life at the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] The facts set forth by this Declarant are Strongly impressed on her mind & she thinks upon

enquiry the War Department will find she is correct. She had many hard scenes to encounter in the absence of her husband & during part of the time had three small children to provide for  
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NOTE: The claim was rejected because no record could be found of Elisha Baker's service. On 18 July 1854 in Jefferson County AL, Rody Ratliff, 59, assigned power of attorney to pursue the claim for a pension as the only known child of Elisha and Sarah Baker, both deceased.