

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Elijah Baker S17830  
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State of Kentucky        }  
Hopkins County Ss       }                October Term of the County Court 1828

On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1828 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record so constituted by the Law establishing the same for the County of Hopkins aforesaid Elijah Baker resident in said County aged Sixty Eight years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 that he the said Elijah Baker enlisted for the term of three years in the month of August in the year 1779 in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Charles Carter, in the Regiment of Horse [1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons] commanded by Colonel [Theodorick] Bland in the Line of the State of Virginia on continental establishment that he continued to serve in the same Corps in detachments from it until the capture of Yorktown in Virginia [19 Oct 1781] when the British army under Earl Cornwallis was taken when he was discharged from the service in the year 1781 as well as he can remember at Charlottesville in the State of Virginia, that he has lost his discharge that the evidence of his enlistment and service accompanying this Declaration is all that he knows of within his reach that he hereby relinquishes all claims whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the Roll of any State except the State of Virginia, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a Pension. Viz: That until a short time back he was able to work and had some property but that about three years ago he lost some of his property by death, and the remainder except a horse worth about thirty Dollars, was disposed of in consequence of the sickness of himself and family that ill health and the infirmities of age have rendered him unable to work or procure him a support and that he stands in need of the aid of Government to procure a subsistence

[signed] Elijah Baker

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed Viz:

[signed] Elijah Baker

One horse worth about	\$30.00
1 Saddle and Bridle	<u>6.00</u>
	36.00

That I have no family at all living with me. that my children are all married, and that I am dependent upon their Charity and Bounty for a support. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 the following changes have taken place in my property

Description of Property	Names of persons to whom sold	When Sold	Amount of Money or description of property received in Return
Two Horses One Horse Two Horses 1 Waggon 6 head of cattle	Long Hampton Rosemary Short Both died Payne — Lamark	Forgotten ditto ditto ditto ditto	\$95 in corn meal meat &c Household Merchandize  \$100 in 6 crate corn wheat Bacon &c Household Merchandize. Medicine &c to the amount of about forty dollars

That the residence of the purchasers named in the Schedule is far beyond my reach and the certainty of it not within my knowledge, and that from the lapse of time and the painful circumstances under which I was compelled to dispose of my property, it being during three years of my wife's afflictions with a deprivation of all her mental faculties, in the State of Missouri where I was a stranger, and being myself during two years of the time or more as well as I can remember unable to leave my Bed for any length of time. I am wholly unable to particularize the multiplied items of Expenditure or the persons altogether or with any certainty to whom paid.

[signed] Elijah Baker

[Certified by James Baker]

State of Missouri            }  
County of Washington    } Ss

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the County Court of Washington County, Elijah Baker, alternately a resident of Washington and Jefferson County, of the State of Missouri, aged seventy four years 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 March [sic: June] 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1832. that he enlisted according to the best of his recollection in the year 1779 with Capt Charls Carter – that he enlisted for three years but was discharged a few moths before his time was expired because his services were no longer required – that he belonged to the Contnental line that his company was attached to Col Blans regiment – that Gen LaFayette was the commander and that Baron Steuben was with the army though he does not remember whether he had any command or not – that at the time of his enlistment he resided in Albemarle County State of Virginia – that he was in a skirmish with some of Cornwallis' men below Dandridges Old Fields – that at the Siege of York he was on a reconnoitering party at Bolling Green [sic: Bowling Green 60 mi distant] within the hearing of the artillery – that he was in the State of Virginia below the Blue Ridge nearly the whole time of his services – that he may possibly have belonged to the Virginia line, that his recollection on the subject is not positive

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State

[signed] Elijah Baker

State of Missouri  
Washington County

Be it remembered that on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for said county Peter Pinnell [pension application S17019] who states that he served in the revolutionary war and made oath that from an acquaintance of twelve years with Elijah Baker the person making the foregoing declaration he believes that the said Elijah Baker was a soldier in the war of the revolution and served as he states

[signed] Peter pinnell