

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Baker S31536

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State of Georgia, Habersham County: SS

On this 18th day of October 1833(?) personally appeared before the Superior Court of said County now Sitting, Charles Baker a resident of Capt. Walker's District in the County of Cass [now Bartow] & State aforesaid aged Seventy five 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 provisions of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832—that he volunteered as a light horseman in the year 1779 [?]¹ in Burke County in the State of North Carolina, under Captain Joseph McDowel [Joseph McDowell] & Col. Charles McDowel [Charles McDowell] for three months, was marched from Burke County to the head of Cane Creek, where he had an engagement with the British & Tories; from there he was marched to Packolet[Pacolet River], where he had a fight with Cunningham's men; he was then marched to Jonesborough in the State of Tennessee where he remained until Cols. Campbell [William Campbell], Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and Severe [John Sevier] raised a considerable force with whom he was marched back to the Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] in South Carolina[.] [A]fter the battle was over he went ~~with~~ as part of the Guard with the prisoners to Moravian town in the State of North Carolina, where after remaining for some time he was discharged[.] [H]e served this time six months, his term of service was only for three months but he was retained in service for six months. He again volunteered in the said County of Burke in the summer of 1782—under Captain John Russel [John Russell], as a light horseman, and was marched to Wofford's Fort near the head of the Catawba River to guard the frontier, where he remained one month, and was discharged—The reason he makes his Declaration in the said County of Habersham, instead of the County where he lives, is because he has lived for a long time in the said County of Habersham where his character as a soldier of the Revolution is better known and his material witness, Col. James Blair by whom he expects to prove his service, lives in the said County of Habersham.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Answers to the Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1st: Was born in Culpepper County in the State of Virginia in the year 1762.

2: Has a Record of his age, which is now at home.

1: 1788

3: Was living in Burke County in the State of North Carolina; has lived in Pendleton District, South Carolina; and in Habersham County, Georgia; he now lives in Cass County in the said State of Georgia.

4: He volunteered; never served as a substitute.

5: Recollects Col Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] & Col. Johnson, in addition to those mentioned in his Declaration; has stated the general circumstances of his services in the body of his Declaration.

6: Never received any written discharge.

7: Is known to James Blair, Devereux Jarrett & Benjamin Cleveland in his late neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

S/ Chas. Baker



Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

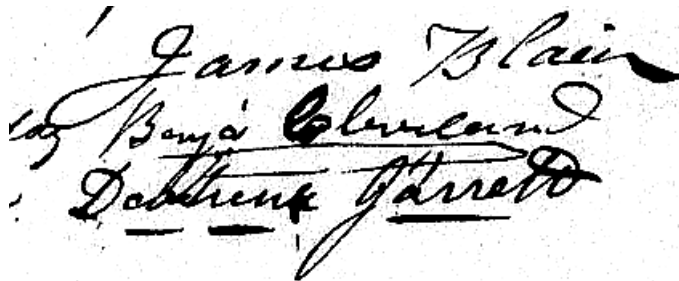
S/ J. T. Carter, CSC

We James Blair, Devereaux Jarrett & Benjamin Cleveland all residing in said County of Habersham State of Georgia do hereby Certify that we all well acquainted with Charles Baker, who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing Declaration, that we believe him to be 70 5 years of age. That was reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he lately & for a long time has resided, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we Concur in that opinion. The said James Blair further testifies that he was well acquainted with said Charles Baker in the time of the Revolutionary War, he then lived in Burke County North Carolina, he frequently saw the said Charles Baker in the service under Captain Joseph McDowell & Colonel Charles McDowell as a light horseman in said County of Burke and he also saw him in the said Company at the Battle of Kings mountain at the head of Came Creek, & at Pacolet, and was present when he was discharged at Moravian town. He has been acquainted with him ever since the Revolutionary War – and knows that the statements made in his said declaration is correct – except the tour of one month, and that he believes to be correct.

S/ James Blair²

S/ Benjamin Cleveland

S/ Devereaux Jarrett



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]

² [James Blair S22125](#)