

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Baker W9337

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State of Kentucky, Madison County

On this 4th day of April 1842 personally appeared in open court before Thos. H Irvine, James Estill & Adam Rogers Justices of the County Court in and for the county of Madison now sitting and being a court of record, Charles Baker a resident of said County, aged eighty two years on the 22nd day of December next, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That in 1780 and before that time he was residing in Burke County North Carolina. That during the summer of that year he volunteered to serve a tour of duty in the service of the United States against the British, Indians and Tories. That he served said tour of three months under James Davidson as Captain. The name of the Lieutenant of the Company is not recollected. General Charles McDowell was the commander and called out the volunteers. That in this Campaign he was employed in guarding the Frontier against the British, Tories and Indians more particularly the last. That he served out and obtained a regular discharge for said Tour from his Captain the said James Davidson.

That in the fall of 1781 he again volunteered to serve a second tour of three months in the service of the United States under General Charles McDowell whose brother Joseph was the Col., Samuel Killian was the Capt. and Joseph McDowell a cousin of the Colonel's was the Lieutenant. We were marched into the territory of the Cherokee Indian Nation, where we destroyed their corn and Towns and were there stationed for some time. That he served out this tour of three months and also obtained a discharge from General McDowell. That he has lost both of his discharges. That the Company in 1780 rendezvoused at Warford's station in Burke County and that in 1781 the Company rendezvoused on the waters of the Catawba under the mountains. That he was born in Baltimore County Maryland on the 22nd of December 1760 and that he moved from there to Burke County North Carolina. That he now has no record of his age, but received his age from his parents.

That he left Burke county shortly after the Revolutionary war and moved to Lincoln County Tennessee and that from there he removed to Madison County Kentucky in 1795 where he has ever since resided. That he can prove by Henry Evans his services in part. That Thos. S. Branston is a Clergyman in the County of Madison and has long lived near him. That Thomas Turner and ___ are also his neighbors and have long know him and by

them he can prove his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He knows of no person except the said Henry Evans, by whom he can prove his services and by him he can only prove that he went out as a volunteer in the service of the United States.

He states that til recently he had determined not to apply to his Government for aid or for its bounty, but age and his misfortunes and present necessities have induced him to change his determination. Prior to 1780 he hired a substitute, who served one Tour, but for that he is informed he can obtain no credit. He claims therefore, for the two tours of three months each which he served in person. He served as a volunteer in the Militia and when regular calls were made by the Unites States as he then understood and now understands.

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 and never has been.

S/ Charles Baker, X his mark

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Henry Evans also appeared in open Court and being first duly sworn according to Law states upon oath that he is now in the 73rd year of his age and resides in the County of Madison Kentucky where he has resided for forty-three years past. That in 1781 he was living in Burke County North Carolina and knew Charles Baker of the foregoing applicant for a pension and has known him ever since and has lived a near neighbor to him for 43 years in Madison County Kentucky. That he well recollects that said Baker went out as a soldier from Burke County North Carolina during the Revolutionary War as a volunteer in the militia in the service of the United States during the year 1781. And in 1780 although he did not know said Baker personally he well recollects that it was said that he had volunteered in the militia in the service of the United States – and he believes that he did. He believes that he served 2 tours of 3 months each: but he cannot be certain as to the length of the tours. Said Baker has always sustained a good character as a man of truth and veracity – and has long been a member in good standing of the Methodist Church and he still retains his mental and physical energies in an unusual degree.

S/ Henry Evans Sr., H his mark

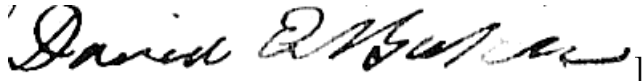
[Thomas S Branston, a clergyman, and Thomas Turner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On October 5, 1848 in Madison County Kentucky, Catherine Baker, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Charles Baker, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he died on the 27th day of October 1843; that she was born in Burke County North Carolina in the year 1767; her father's name was Louerance Evans [Lawrence Evans?]; that she married Charles Evans in Burke County North Carolina in 1783 in her 16th year; that they were married by a justice of the peace named Joseph Steele; that they moved from Burke County North Carolina about the year 1786 to Tennessee where they resided about 9 years then moved in the fall of 1795 to Madison County Kentucky and have resided there ever since; that she had 12 children by her husband and raised all to maturity except one who died when about 6 years old; her

oldest child was a daughter and is now living as far she knows in the state of Indiana and that child was born in 1784; that her husband A register of all the ages of her children in his family Bible which her son Charles Baker has taken with him to Missouri; she herself was born August 15, 1767 and has lived in Madison County Kentucky about 53 years. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: On October 5, 1848 in Madison County Kentucky Henry Evans, 79, a resident of said Madison County gave testimony that Catherine Baker is his sister and that he concurs with all her statements made in her application. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 16: On June 16, 1852 in Madison County Kentucky, David he Baker, 56, gave testimony that Catherine Baker is his mother and the widow of Charles Baker, his father; that he has always heard his parents were legally married in Burke County North Carolina; that affiant was born February 7th, 1796 at which time his parents had 6 children older than the affiant.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David E Baker", followed by a closing bracket "]" on the right side.

[p 19: On February 14, 1853 in Fayette County Kentucky, David E Baker, 57, gave testimony that he is one of the children of Charles Baker and Catherine Baker; that both his parents are deceased, his father having died in Madison County Kentucky October 27, 1843 and his mother having died in Fayette County Kentucky November 5, 1852; that at the time of his mother's death she was survived by the following surviving children:

1. Margaret intermarried with Asa Shepherd
2. John Baker
3. Rachael intermarried with James Fleming
4. David E Baker
5. Charles Baker]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]