



Robert Baker was not remembered by Samuel Newell in 04Aug1823 letter to David Campbell, but Newell could not recall nine of the 20 names on the Virginians' list of the wounded. Baker is neither on the 1909 plaque as wounded.

<http://revwarapps.org/S16628.pdf>

State of Missouri, Montgomery County

On this 7th day of May 1833 personally appeared before the Circuit Court of Montgomery County aforesaid the said Court being a court of Record Robert Baker a resident of Montgomery County aforesaid aged Seventy nine years who being 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 7th June 1832.

I state from the best information I have I am seventy nine years of age & that I entered the service of the United States or rather the Confederation of the States and under the following officers and served as stated below.

I resided in Fincastle County now Washington County Virginia. I volunteered & entered the service under Captain James Thompson, I think near about the middle of June 1776 & we marched from Fincastle County Va. to Long Island (which is about 60 miles from where I lived) then in the State of North Carolina was [page torn, text missing] and on the Holstin [Holston] River. I was in the battle fought there between the forces under Captain Thompson & others & [the] Cherokee Indians in the

first of the month of July 1776 where about 17 Indians was [sic, were] killed & none of our men but we had 4 men wounded. There were with us about 170 men & then was no higher officer in command as I believe than a Captain & these were called James Thompson, James Shelby, William Cocke & perhaps others who were in command or called as such. This was at the commencement of hostilities with the Indians in that quarter & when we returned home which was only a few days after the Battle at Long Island as above stated we found our families & neighbors Forted & I was continued in the service at what was called Campbell's Fort which was situated at Colonel William Campbell's plantation in Fincastle County aforesaid till late in the fall during all which time I acted as a spy for the Fort[.] [W]hen I was marched down again to the Fort at Long Island under Captain Dysart where I remained & acted as a ranger for several weeks when we returned home in the winter some time after the first of January 1777.

In the year 1778 or 1779 but which I cannot now recollect about the last of July of one of those years, I volunteered under Colonel William Campbell & entered into the service in the company of Captain William Edmonson [sic, Edmondson?] & marched from Washington Va. towards North Carolina where the Tories were embodying on the head waters of the Adkin [sic, Yadkin?][River][.][T]hey were said to be under the command of one Brown & Coyle[.] [W]e met the Tories at a place called the big Glades but when they saw us they ran some of whom we caught, some we whipped & one we hung[.] [A]fter they were thus dispersed, we returned home being absent on this service between five & six weeks. Colonel Campbell commanded on this expedition.

In a short time after I returned home as I believe in the month of September, I volunteered & entered the service to go to the lead mines. I was sent as a guard under the command of Lieutenant Arther [sic, Arthur] Bowen to guard the wagons that were sent from the lead mines ^{on New River Va} to carry lead to the Moravian Towns in North Carolina, for the use of the United States army. We deposited the lead at the Moravian Towns which place was under the command of a Major Herndon[.] [W]e returned home after being absent on this service about five weeks.

Early in the month of September as I believe 1780 the Tories were embodying marching on the waters of the Catawba ^{River} & Colonel McDowell retreated over the mountains from where he had been driven by the British & Tories under Major Ferguson who were [sic, was] on the head waters of the Catawba River. There was a call for men to go and meet the forces under Ferguson. I volunteered & entered the service under Captain James Dysart and marched early in September. [W]e marched under the command of Colonel William Campbell[.] [W]e were joined by the commands on our march of Colonels Surveyor [sic, Sevier] from Washington[.] Colonel Shelby from N. Carolina now Tennessee when we crossed the mountains we were joined by Colonel Cleaveland [sic, Benjamin Cleveland] ^{& General J. Williams}. [W]e then marched to King's Mountain & I was in the Battle of King's mountain which was fought on the 7 or 8th of October. I returned home about the last of November. In a short time after I returned home and I think about the middle of December 1780, I returned volunteered under Colonel Arther [sic, Arthur] Campbell & in Captain James Crabtree's Company, William Russell lieutenant & John Baker Ensign & marched to the Cherokee Towns where we burned ^{about} 17 Towns; killed a good many Indians & took some prisoners and also some cannon. I was in five or six scrimmages during this campaign [which] lasted till about the last of January 1781 when I was discharged & from that time I served no more in the revolution. **At the Battle of King's mountain, I was wounded in the right thigh** and during that campaign & the one under Colonel Arthur Campbell to the Cherokee Towns, I **was a sergeant** & served as such.

State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity and belief of your services as a soldier of a revolution[.]

Answer: Major Benjamin Sharp, Major Jacob L. Sharp, Clerk of the County & Circuit Courts of Montgomery County. This state Sylvester Baker & Nathaniel Dryden & Captain John Baker all ^{but Major} who is of Warren County of Montgomery County.

S/ Robert Baker

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 7th day of May 1833.

S/ Jacob L. Sharp, Clerk

http://www.humphreybaker.com/descendants/descendants/john_baker.html

John Baker was born about 1754, probably in Virginia. He is listed on 1771 tax records in Botetourt Co. Virginia along with his father Humphrey Baker and brothers Thomas and George. He is again listed on the 1772 Botetourt Co. tax list with father Humphrey and brothers George and Robert. Robert turned 18 in 1772.(age 79 in May 1833, so born in 1754 before May 7 or 1753 after May 7) It should be noted at this time that Botetourt Co. was formed in 1769 from Augusta Co.VA ; Fincastle Co. was formed from Botetourt Co. in 1772, abolished in 1776 and became Washington Co. Virginia.

John is listed on the 1782 Washington County VA tax roll

. Brothers George and Robert are in Major James Dysart's precinct:

George has 1 tithe, 7 horses and 17 cattle and

Robert 1 tithe, ? horses and 7 cattle.

In 1786 Humphrey, John, Alexander, George and Robert are again listed.

After 1786 George and Robert Baker remove to Green Co. Tennessee.

Pension bureau records show that Baker was shorted on his pension:

1. He testified that for BKM he was involved from early Sept to end of November.

Dysart did not list him as bringing 6 days of rations from home, an indication that he had some other involvement prior to the 24Sep muster. Being a neighbor and a sergeant, it is likely that he was called to ride around the area delivering the call to muster.

Being wounded, he probably recovered in a Burke County home until released by Dr. Dobson.

Otherwise unmentioned, had he been able, he would have been a prisoner guard to Old Salem.

The pension office called it 1 mo 5 days, not 2.5 months.

2. Other soldiers claimed as much as 4 ½ months for the Battle of Boyds Creek and following. Baker called it about 1.5 months. Could be correct because Col Campbell brought some home sooner while other, such as John Cusick, stayed on with Col Sevier longer.
3. He is rated as a private though 4 months or more at BKM and Boyds Creek were at the rank of Sergeant. Each month as a sergeant added \$5 per year to the pension. Each month as private, only \$3.33.

Washington County surveyor book 1

Page 92 - **Robert Baker**...November 22, 1783...50 ac...on the east side of Bakers Creek, waters of the middle fork of Holstein River...Treasury Warrant...Beginning on Walkers old line with John Kirks line...on David Beaties line...

Page 31 - John Kirk...129 ac...on both sides of Bakers Creek, branch of the Middle fork of Holston River...Treasury Warrant...Beginning at John Beates corner...corner of

Robert Bakers survey...corner to Walkers old survey...corner to Jacob Hins survey...on a line of the settlement survey of Kirks...February 11, 1783...Warrant dated May 19, 1783

Missouri (17814)

Robert Baker

of Westmoreland in the State of Missouri
who was a Private in the Corp. commanded
by Captain Thompson of the Regt. commanded
by Col. Campbell in the Virginia
line for 12 1/2 Mos.

Inscribed on the Roll of Missouri
at the rate of 45 Dollars — Cents per annum
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 18 day of Sept.
1833 — and J. S. Sharp.
Scriber

Amount to the 4th of Sep. 31 \$112.50
Semi-ann. allowance ending 21.50

\$135.00

Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by G. A. [Signature] Clerk
Book 6. Vol. 8. Page 74.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

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Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: $\}$). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of Robert Baker. *Montgomery Co. Missouri*

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served.	Names and Rank of the General and Field officers.	Battles in which the applicant was engaged.	Country through which he marched.	Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period.	Evidence by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.							
1776 not stated	7	15		Private Capt. Jas Thompson	None	Long Is. N. York Boston		York Tennessee	77 years	Traditionary
1778 or 79 not stated	1	5		Private Capt. Wm Edmonson	Col. Wm Campbell	None	Virg ^a	Virg ^a	Washing ton Virg ^a	
" not stated	1	5		" Lieut. Rowley	He wer	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
Sept. 1780 not stated		25		" Capt. Jas Departs	Col. Wm Campbell Col. Wm Campbell Col. Thel by	Kings Mt. N. Car ^a				
" not stated	1	15		" Capt. Jas Campbell	Col. Wm Campbell	Virg ^a				
	11	45		Lieut. Prof ^t						
	12	15								

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.