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Virginia documents pertaining to James Baker VAS2350  
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The Heirs of Ensign James Baker respectfully solicit of the State of Virginia the allowance of land Bounty due to their ancestor for his Services during the Revolutionary War, and beg leave to refer to the evidence of record in the proper department.

Virginia Fauquier County To Wit

The affidavit of Richard Baker of the Town of Warrenton and County aforesaid taken before the subscriber justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, who being first sworn deposeth & saith That James Baker entered the service of the United States as an Ensign in 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment in the Continental line in the year of 1776 and continued in the said service untill the Battle of Stoney Point in 1779 [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] where he was killed. The said affiant is now 72 years of age and has a perfect recollection of the facts here stated and further this affiant saith not this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833

Rich'd Baker

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 Robert Brent

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Virginia.

County of Fauquier to wit

This day Daniel Edmonds [S8394] aged Seventy Six years personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the above State and County and made oath in due form of Law that he was a regular Soldier and present at the Storming of Stoney point in July 1779 when James Baker an Ensign in the Second Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment received a wound in Scaling the wall which proved mortal and further this deponent sayeth not.

Given under my hand and Seal this [blank] day of July 1833 Wm Gibson

State of Virginia }  
Frederick County } to wit

Be it known that on this 9th of June 1835 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the county personally appeared Col Wm. Monroe [William Monroe S5784] of s'd county aged 75 years and of good and unquestioned character for veracity, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with James Baker dec'd reported as Ensign Baker and was with him in from the time of his enlistment in the state service and transfer to the Continental and finally to his death, which took place in the month of July 1779. That said Baker enlisted as he himself did for three years and served faithfully up to the time that [Gen. Anthony] Wayne was ordered to take Stony point. That Baker volunteered with Wayne and was in the first attack upon the fort and was wounded and some days after died in the Hospital and was buried by deponent with others. That Baker acted in the service as Serjeant and deponent understood an Ensign's Commission issued for him. That he is well acquainted with the family of s'd Baker and long has been. That Samuel Baker was the oldest Brother of said Ensign Baker living at the time of his death and that said Samuel Baker resided on the land in King George County Va that James has owned in his life time and that James Baker the younger and Mary W. Baker (since Mary W. [illegible]) are the heirs at law and distributees of said Samuel as Deponent has always understood and believed they live in King George County Va or did a few years since  
given under my hand the day & year first above stated Sam'l Gardner J.P.

2<sup>nd</sup> Report on the claim of James Baker Ensign of the Cont'l line, for bounty land for his services.  
To the Governor/ Sir, The Agency records & documents furnish no facts in this case. The name of James Baker, a sold'r of the Cont'l line, is on the Agency Register. He received March 6 1782 a certificate for £45, the balance of his full pay &c This could not have been the Ancestor of the present claimants, because he was kill'd in 1779, as is prov'd by respectable testimony refer'd to below.

James Baker [VAS2351], a Drummer of the State line, has receiv'd 200 acres of land. It does not appear, that any other Soldier, non-commission'd, or Commission'd officer nam'd James Baker has receiv'd bounty land for his services.

The testimony of Col. Wm. Monroe of Frederick County has been taken. He says that he & James Baker enlisted for 3 years, and that the said Baker serv'd faithfully until his death in July 1779 – that he was first in the state service, that he was transferd to the Continental service, and was kill'd at Stony Point – that he acted as sergeant, bu the witness understood that a Commission of Ensign issued for him &c (see the affidavit of Wm. Monroe) The witness is said to be a man of “good & unquestion'd character for veracity.” \*

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ July 27<sup>th</sup> 1835

\* see also the affidavits of Richard Baker & Daniel Edmonds, which were fil'd in the Executive Department in the year 1833.

To his excellency Gov Tazewell

The undersigned is informed that the claim of the Heirs of Ensign James Baker has been before the executive and rejected for want of evidence of his death in the service, and further that the persons who applied before were not probably the heirs of Baker because as he died prior to 1787 the heirs of but one of his brothers would be entitled. There is now proof that he was killed at Stony point in the evidence of a man who assisted in Burying him, and in the name of their attorney (Chandler) who has sent the papers by the undersigned he respectfully asks a reconsideration of the case

Edmund Broadus/ 27th July 1835

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1850 [undeciphered word] that an additional land bounty was allowed.

Allowed as Ensign for a service of three years in the Continental line

J B Floyd [Governor]