

BAKER BROTHERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, NC

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WILLIAM BAKER

1. **Before 1734.** William Baker was born by 1734 or before.
2. **1755** William Baker is listed in 1755 tax list for Orange County, NC

NOTE: William Baker is the only Baker in this tax list. This would indicate that Robert, John and Thomas Baker have not arrived in the county yet or they are living in the household of William Baker. If they are in William's household, this would indicate they are sons of William Baker. **Is William Baker the father? Or is he another brother?** **NOTE: I think William Baker is the father.**

3. **25 Mar 1770** William Rhodes of Orange County sells land to Abraham Nelson. Witness: John and William Baker.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Deed Book 3, Page 311.

4. **23 July 1770** William Rhodes of Orange County sells land to William Baker. Witness: John Baker, William Baker. July term 1770.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Deed Book 3, Page 293

NOTE: Can you witness your own land deed transaction? Or are the witnesses the sons of William Baker? William Baker does not appear after 1770 in the Orange or Chatham County records? This would indicate he might have died shortly after this 1770 land deed. What happen to the land sold in 1770 to William Baker? It doesn't seem to appear in a later land transaction under his name.

ROBERT BAKER

1. **1742** Robert Baker was born by 1742 or earlier.
2. **Nov 1763** Robert Baker was appointed overseer of the road in the room of John Craig.

SOURCE: Abst. Of Minutes of Court of Pleas and Quarterly Sessions of Orange County, NC.

3. **Feb 1765** Court record for Feb, 1765, item 301 says "William Gibson appointed overseer of the road where Robert Baker was formerly".

4. **1765** Robert Baker is listed as an elder in the New Hope Presbyterian Church in Orange County, NC, in 1765.
5. **Aug 1777** Order by court that James Empey find security for his good behavior in the future. Robert Baker and Wm Armstrong posted his bond.
6. **3 June 1778** Robert Baker granted 300 acres land on Branch of New Hope Creek and Enos River binding on the land of Joseph Hastings. Under my hand at Mount Pleasant the 3 June 1778. Signed John Butler.
7. **1779** The Orange County 1779 tax list shows John Baker, Robert Baker and Joseph Baker.
8. **1779** Robert Baker has a tract of 618 acres of land surveyed.
9. **25 Oct 1782** North Carolina to Robert Baker. Robert Baker receives 618 acres land patent on New Hope Creek adjoining David Craig, Samuel and Joseph Hastings.
10. **25 Oct 1782** North Carolina to Robert Baker. Robert Baker receives 225 acres land patent on New Hope Creek and Enos River adjoining John Hastings.
11. **1790** Orange County, NC, Census list Robert, James, John and Thomas Baker in St Thomas District.
12. **Nov 1794** Robert Baker left a will Nov 1794 in Orange County, NC. Admr was Thomas Baker.
13. **26 Nov 1795** James Baker (and others) to Ezra Cates, for “a certain sum of money, 232 acres on New Hope Creek” being a part of the lands of Robert Baker deceased”. In witness whereof the said James Baker, Thomas Baker and John Baker heirs together of said lands. Signed: James Baker, Thomas Baker, John Baker and Mary (X) Baker; witness: Joseph Hastings, Martha Hastings, Isaiah Cate.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Deed Book 5, Page 608.

NOTE: Thomas Baker was deceased before his brother Robert Baker. So Thomas Baker Sr's share of Robert's estate goes to his sons. Mary Baker is the wife of James Baker and not an heir to inherit Robert's land. There is also a son Robert not shown in this land transaction.

THOMAS BAKER SR

1. **1745** Thomas Baker Sr was born around 1745. (Estimate: Thomas Baker's oldest child Thomas Baker Jr was born Ca. 1766. Assuming Thomas Sr was 21 years of age at marriage, this makes his birth ca. 1745).

JOHN BAKER SR

1. **1749** John Baker Sr was born by 1749 or earlier.
2. **25 Mar 1770** John and William Baker witness a deed from William Rhodes to William Baker.
SOURCE: Deed Bk 3, Page 311, Orange Co, NC
3. **23 July 1770** John and William Baker witness a deed from William Rhodes to William Baker.
SOURCE: Deed Bk 3, Page 293, Orange Co, NC
4. **30 July 1771** Abraham Nelson sells 75 acres to John Baker.
SOURCE: Deed Bk 3
5. **Nov 1778** Will of Robert Holloway. Children with his 3rd wife Martha. Samuel, Stephen, Elizabeth Homer, Brigett, Mary Readon, Priscilla, Susannah, Ann, Stephen, Rachell, Ruth, Jane, Litici.
6. **1779** Orange County tax list. John Baker, Robert Baker, Joseph Baker.
7. **26 Oct 1782** John Ruff of Orange County sells 200 acres on Ellebee Creek to John Rhodes. Witness: John Baker, John Redman.
SOURCE: Deed Bk 3, Page 74, Orange County
8. **14 Aug 1787** Wm Ansley sells 154 acres to Mathew Clinton. This land joins corner of John Baker.
SOURCE: Orange County Deed Bk 4, Page 297
9. **1790** St Thomas Dist Orange County, NC, Census
Robert, James, John, and Thomas Baker, Joseph and Tobias Baker.
10. **1790** Chatham Co, NC, Census
John Baker 1 male 16+ head of family
6 free white females 16+
1 slave
11. **22 Aug 1791** George Long of Orange sells 50 acres on New Hope to John Baker. It is adjacent George Long and Robert Cheek. Signed: George and Mary Long. Witness: John McCauley and John Mitchell.
SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Deed Bk 4, Page 482
12. **26 Aug 1793** The John Baker who was appointed one of the administrators of Thomas Baker Sr's estate is probably his brother.
13. **23 July 1795** Thomas and William Jr Martin sells 314 acres to John Baker of Chatham County, NC, on Haw River.
SOURCE: Deed Bk 11, Page 50, Chatham Co, NC.
14. **1795** John and Susannah Baker sell 126 acres in Chatham Co, NC, to Thomas Steel.
SOURCE: Deed Bk I, Page 46.
15. **29 Sept 1796** John Baker sold 208 ½ acres on New Hope Creek to Wm McCauley which adjoins John Craig. This land was willed by William Logan deceased to his daughter Elizabeth who became the wife of John Baker. Signed: John Baker. Witness: Joseph Marshall, John McCauley, George Long.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Deed Bk 5, Page 675.

16. **1815** Chatham County Tax List.

John Baker is taxed on 692 acres on Haw River adjacent to Simon White.

17. **Dec 1816** The estate of John Baker in Chatham County list wife Susannah and 8 daughters

1. **Jenny X William Buckner**
2. **Susannah X Moses Campbell**
3. **Sarah X John Edwards**
4. **Rosannah X Peter Perry**
5. **Nancy X Nathaniel Carter**
6. **Lily X Samuel Andrew**
7. **Naomi Baker**
8. **Mary Baker**

18. **John Baker Inventory.** Chatham Co, NC.

18. **1817** John Bakers widow is Susannah. He died in Chatham County with 296 acres. Thomas Bailiff and Thomas Steel on division Committee.

19. **3 May 1817** Thomas Bailiff is one of several men to determine what part of John Baker's estate his wife Susannah Baker will receive. John Baker had 296 acres on Haw River in Chatham County, NC.

SOURCE: Chatham County, NC, Wills