

THOMAS BAKER SR AND HIS DESCENDANTS

ORANGE COUNTY, NC

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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)
2. **1776 Thomas Baker** is listed in Capt. Wm William's Company, 7th Orange Militia, Orange County, NC. This is the first record in Orange County, NC, that mentions **Thomas Baker Sr**.

SOURCE: Soldiers From NC in Revolution. Pub. DAR 1932.

3. **Aug 1783 Thomas Baker** was impaneled on a jury at August, 1783, Court of Orange County, NC.

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

4. **3 Oct 1785** William Hastings entered 120 acres in Orange County, NC, on waters of New Hope Creek; borders: Elmore Hadley, John Bowls, Aaron Arnold and **Thomas Baker**; warrant issued Aug 19, 1786.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Abstracts of Land Entries 1778-1795.

5. **21 Nov 1789** Andrew Mitchell Senior of Orange, Planter, to John Mitchell of same, planter, fifty pounds, 174 acres, on waters of New Hope, adjoins Andrew Mitchell, Robert Cheek and **Thomas Baker**, begin at a white oak on the side of a branch, down branch into New Hope, down New Hope to a grate rock at the boarding, N25 E36 chains to a red oak, N25 chains to a black oak, W26 chains to a black oak, W26 chains to a black gum, S40 chains to first station; signed: Andrew Mitchell, witness: George Long, **Thomas Baker**; proved November 1789 term by **Baker**.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Deed Book 4, Page 235.

6. **1790** Orange County, NC, Census list **Robert, James, John** and **Thomas Baker** in St Thomas Dist.
7. **24 June 1790 Elizabeth Baker** married **Thomas Bailiff**. **Will Bailey** is bondsman.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Marriage Records. Note: **Elizabeth Baker** is daughter of **Thomas Baker Sr**.

8. **Aug 26, 1793 John Baker and George Madden** were appointed administrators of the estate of **Thomas Baker (Sr)**.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Wills.

(**NOTE:** **Thomas Baker** died during 1793 and the **John Baker** serving as administrator is probably his brother.)

9. **1794 Thomas Baker (Jr)** is appointed administrator of **Robert Baker estate**.

SOURCE: State of North Carolina, Orange County, Certificate of Bond.

NOTE: This is **Thomas Baker Jr** the son of **Thomas Baker Sr**.

10. **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 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.

LISTING OF DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS BAKER SR

1. **Thomas Baker Sr**

b. ca. 1745

m. ca. 1765

d. 1793

(**Thomas Baker's** wife's name is not known at this point in time)

CHILDREN:

1. **Thomas Jr**

b. ca. 1766

m. 1798 to Elizabeth Lloyd

- d. before 1820
- 2. **John**
 - b. ca 1768
 - m. 20 Aug 1794 to Jane Scoby (dau of John)
- 3. **Elizabeth**
 - b. ca. 1776
 - m. 24 June 1790 to **Thomas Bailiff**
 - d. before 1815 in Chatham Co, NC
- 4. **James**
 - b. ca. 1772
 - m. 2 Jan 1792 to Mary Scoby (dau of John)
 - d. 1829 Carroll Co, Tn
- 5. **Robert**
 - b. ca. 1774
 - m. 6 Jan 1800 to Ferabee Fossett
 - d. Last known Montgomery Co, Tn
- 6. **Nancy**
 - b. ca. 1776
 - m. 14 Mar 1796 to William Gregason
 - d.

THOMAS BAKER JR (of Thomas Sr)

- 1. **1793 Thomas Baker Sr** dies.
- 2. **Nov 1794 Robert Baker Sr** left a will in Orange County, NC. Admr. was **Thomas Baker Jr**
- 3. Refer to **26 Nov 1795** above under **Thomas Baker Sr** for mention of **Thomas Baker Jr** in land settlement of **Robert Baker**.
- 4. **22 Feb 1796 Thomas Baker** witnesses a Orange County land deed of Thomas Lloyd and Susannah to John Adams of 416 acres.
SOURCE: Orange Co, NC, Deed Bk 5, Page 393
- 5. **22 Feb 1796 Thomas Baker** witnesses land deed in Orange County, NC, of Thomas Lloyd to John Adams for 100 acres.
SOURCE: Orange Co, NC, Deed Bk 5, Page 394
- 6. **1798 Thomas Baker Jr** married Elizabeth Lloyd, daughter of Thomas Lloyd.
- 7. **20 Aug 1803 Thomas Baker** of Orange County, NC, sells 40 acres of land on New Hope Creek to James Mitchell. **James Baker** releases his estate right claim. Witnesses were **Elizabeth Baker and Jenny Baker**.

8. **1810 Hopkinsville Twp, Christian Co, Ky**

Thomas Baker	(Male)	(Female)
1	26-45 (1765-1774)	1 10-16 (1794-1800)
		1 45+ (before 1765)

9. **1820 Wilson Co, Tn**

Elizabeth Baker	(Male)	(Female)
1	0/10 (1810-1820)	1 26-45

Thomas Baker is deceased before 1820.

JOHN BAKER (of Thomas Sr)

1. 20 Aug 1794 John Baker married Jane Scoby. Witness: James McCauley. Bondsman: A.B. Bruce.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Marriage Records

2. 9 Oct 1795 John Baker of Orange County, sells 50 acres on New Hope River to James Carrell. This land adjoined George Long and Robert Cheek. Signed by John Baker and Janet Baker. Witnesses: James Cheek and John Mitchell.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Deed Bk 5, Page 317.

3. Nov 26, 1795 James Baker deed listed under Thomas Baker Sr documents mentions James, Thomas and John Baker.

4. 1810 Hopkinsville Twp, Christian County, Ky

JOHN BAKER	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
1	0-10	1 0-10
1	16-26	1 16-26

5. 1810 Hopkinsville Twp, Christian County, Ky

JOHN BAKER	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
2	0-10	1 0-10
1	10-16	1 10-16
1	26-45	1 26-45

5. 1820 Lebanon, Wilson County, Tn

JOHN BAKER	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
1	0-10	1 45+
2	45+	

6. 1830 WILSON COUNTY, TN

JOHN BAKER	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
1	0-5	1 0-5
1	5-10	2 5-10
1	10-15	2 15-20
3	30-40	1 30-40
1	80-90	1 60-70

7. 1830 WILSON COUNTY, TN

JOHN BAKER	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
1	5-10	1 5-10
1	40-50	1 20-30

JAMES BAKER (of Thomas Sr)

1. 1790 Census for Orange County, NC, list James Baker. This means James was born ca. 1769.
2. 2 Jan 1792 James Baker married Mary Scoby. Bondsman: John Scoby.
3. 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 Co, NC, Deed Bk 5, Page 608.

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4. 28 Dec 1795 Robert Baker was born in Orange County, NC, to James (son of Thomas Sr) and Mary Scoby Baker.
6. 1799 James Baker moved his family to Sumner County, TN. They lived there one year.
7. 1800 James Baker moved his family to Wilson County, TN, near Big Springs. James and his family were members of the Presbyterian Church in Orange County, NC. James was an elder in the Independent Cumberland Presbyterian near Big Springs. In 1810, the church changed to “the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Big Springs” with James Baker continuing to be an Elder.

8. 20 Aug 1803 Thomas Baker of Orange Co, NC, to James Mitchell 40 acres on New Hope Creek being part of the estate right title of James Baker. Witness: Elizabeth Baker and Jenny Baker

7. ca. 1813 Robert Baker volunteered for a campaign against the Creek Indians.

8. ca. 1817 Robert Baker had a sister die ca. 1817

9. 14 Oct 1819 Robert Baker was received as a candidate for ministry at Big Springs Meeting House.

10. 1820 LEBANON TWP, WILSON COUNTY, TN, CENSUS

JAMES BAKER		(MALES)	(FEMALE)
3	10-16	1	0-10
2	16-26	1	10-16
1	45+	1	16-26
		1	45+

11. 1824 At Concord, Knox County, Tn, Robert Baker assisted with a camp meeting.

12. Fall 1825 James Baker and family moved to Clear Creek, Carroll County, TN. Robert Baker moved at the same time with the family.

13. Robert Baker married first in 1829 in Carroll County, TN. This marriage ended by 1830 in divorce. Robert married Dec 27, 1831, to Sarah C. Hamilton of Carroll County, TN. Sarah is daughter of Thomas Hamilton and Elizabeth Forrest. Robert Baker died March 6, 1845, in Carroll County, TN, and is buried at Shiloh, TN.

NOTE: The Robert Baker mentioned in the James Baker documents above is the oldest son of James Baker. Don’t confuse him with his uncle Robert Baker or great uncle Robert Baker who died as a single man. Robert Baker born in 1795 became a Cumberland Presbyterian minister. His father James Baker is a brother of Elizabeth Baker who married

Thomas Bailiff Jr. Elizabeth and Thomas Bailiff named their oldest son **Robert** who was born in 1798 also in Orange County, NC. He moved to Illinois and also became a Cumberland Presbyterian minister. So this **Robert Baker and Robert Bailiff** were first cousins and both were Cumberland Presbyterian ministers.

Robert Bailiff had a son named **Thomas Bailiff** born in 1820 in Christian County, KY. It has appeared that they were in Christian County, KY, by themselves. The 1810 Christian County, KY, census shows that **Robert Bailiff** had at least three uncles living in Christian County, Ky, and a fourth in a nearby county in TN. The three uncle were **Robert Baker, John Baker and Thomas Baker**. A fourth uncle **James Baker** was in Wilson County, TN, which is an adjoining county. **Robert Bailiff** must have been living in someone else's household and doesn't appear in the 1820 census.

There is an extensive article on this **Robert Baker** on the web at www.cumberland.org/hfpc/minister/BakerR.htm

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES AND MARY SCOPY BAKER

1. Robert b. Dec 28, 1795 Orange County, NC
 m. 27 Dec 1831 to Sarah C. Hamilton
 d. 6 Mar 1845 Carroll County, TN
 buried: Mar 18, 1845 Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery,
 Carroll County, TN.
 Sarah C. Hamilton b. Mar 1, 1815 Carroll County, TN
 d. Mar 8, 1845 Carroll County, TN
 2. James Jr b. ca. 1797 Orange Co, NC
 3. John b. ca. 1799 Orange Co, NC
 4. Porter b. ca. 1801 Wilson Co, TN
 5. Thomas C. b. 1803 Wilson Co, TN
 6. Margaret b. Wilson Co, TN
 7. Happy b. Wilson Co, TN
 8. Female X John Simmons
14. **1829** James Baker Sr. dies and leaves a will in Carroll County, TN.

15. 1830 CARROLL CO, TN, CENSUS

MARY BAKER	(MALES)	(FEMALES)
2 20-30		1 15-20
		1 50-60

Mary is the wife of James Baker. This record shows Mary born 1770-1780.

16. 1840 CARROLL COUNTY, TN, CENSUS

ROBERT BAKER	(MALES)	(FEMALES)
1 0-5		1 0-5
1 40-50(Robert)		1 20-30(Sarah)
		1 60-70(Mary)

ROBERT BAKER (of Thomas Sr)

1. **14 Mar 1796** Robert Baker is bondsman for the marriage of Nancy Baker and William Gregason.
SOURCE: Marriage Records of Orange County, NC.
2. **6 Jan 1800** Robert Baker married Ferabee Fossett, witness Burris Estridge, bondsman: John Pitman.
SOURCE: Orange Co, NC, Marriage Records.
3. **Nov 1803** Robert Baker sells 28 acres on New Hope Creek to James Mitchell of Orange Co, NC, adjacent to David Craig and Andrew Mitchell.
SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Land Deeds.
4. **1800 HILLSBOROUGH, ORANGE COUNTY, NC**
ROBERT BAKER (MALES) (FEMALES)
 1 0-10 1 26-45
 1 26-45
5. **1810 HOPKINSVILLE TWP, CHRISTIAN COUNTY, KY**
ROBERT BAKER (MALES) (FEMALES)
 2 0-10 3 0-10
 1 26-45 1 16-26
6. **1820 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TN**
ROBERT BAKER (MALES) (FEMALES)
 2 0-10 4 0-10
 1 10-16 2 10-16
 1 26-45 1 16-26
 1 26-45
7. **1840 WILLIAMSON COUNTY, IL**
ROBERT BAKER (MALES) (FEMALES)
 1 15-20 2 20-30
 1 20-30 1 60-70
 1 60-70