

**BAILIFF AND BAKER MENTIONED IN LETTER FROM TIMOTHY KEARNEY**

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The partial letter from Kearney mentions **JOHN BAKER ESTATE** and **THOMAS BAILEY SIGNING A PETITION OF REGULATORS**. Letter written Jan 16, 1993.

Dear Mr. Cornwell,

The estate of **JOHN BAKER** [died Dec. 1816] listed Widow **SUSANNAH** and children [all daughters].

William Buckner & wife	<b>JENNY</b>
Moses Campbell & wife	<b>SUSANNAH</b>
John Edwards & wife	<b>SARAH</b>
Peter Perry & wife	<b>ROSANNAH</b>
Nathaniel Carter & wife	<b>NANCY</b>
Samuel Andrew & wife	<b>LILY</b>
<b>NAOMI BAKER</b>	
<b>MARY BAKER</b>	

There were several **NOTES** that **THOMAS BAILIFF** owed the estate and **ROBERT BAILIFF** purchased a few small items at the estate sale. Also, **THOMAS BAILIFF** was one of the “unconnected freeholders” selected to allot to the widow her dower.

I believe without a doubt that this **JOHN BAKER** is **ELIZABETH’S** uncle or brother, which leaves **ROBERT & THOMAS BAKER** as possible father of **ELIZABETH**. Their estates or deeds do not specifically state the fact however.

I decided to check the Colonial Records of NC and found a couple of interesting clues, which you may wish to ponder.

1. **JAMES BALLIF** is listed with **LAWRENCE THOMPSON’S COMPANY** of **NC MILITIA** in **1771** which was involved in the famous [NC] Battle of Alamance [in Orange County area]. This battle was fought between the State Militia and the “Regulators”, who rebelled against the government over excessive taxes. The rebels were soundly defeated and scores of families [with Regulator sentiment] left the Orange County area and migrated west.

2. **THOMAS BAILEY**. Earlier in the 1760’s, a petition from the “Regulators” of Orange County was sent to the Governor. Included on the list is a **THOMAS BAILEY**. Could he be the same **THOMAS** who is listed early in the Court Records of Orange? If so, then he was a Regulator, and may have been one of those who went west after their defeat.

Sincerely,

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