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Pension Application of Robert Bayley R384

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State of Virginia } Ss:

Accomack County }

On this 12th day of April 1855 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the said County Elizabeth Wessels daughter of Robert and Nancy Bayly aged Fifty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That her mother Nancy Bayly was the widow of Robert Bayly who was a sailor in the Virginia State Navy in the Revolutionary war. She further declares, that it appears by the evidence of Scarborough Bloxom [Scarborough Bloxsom, pension application W5842] a midshipman in the same vessel on board of which her father served as a sailor, that he enlisted as a sailor on board of the armed Vessel Accomack at the commencement of his service, and continued in her until the Vessel was striped and laid up; when he was discharged. She further declares, that on this and other evidence, the state of Virginia allowed her said father Robert Bayly Bounty Land for three years service in the Revolutionary War. She further declares that it appears by the record in the Family Bible that her Mother Nancy Bayly, was married to her father Robert Bayly June the fourteenth 1778 by the Rev. William Richards

And she further declares that it appears by the same record that her father Robert Bayly died in the year Eighteen Hundred & Twenty nine Sept 4th, and that her mother, Nancy Bayly, died in August Eighteen Hundred & forty six 1846 The time of my mothers death is also proven by the affidavit of William H. Drummond which accompanies this declaration. I further declare she remained his widow until the day of her death.

Elizabeth herXmark Wessels

The following is a true extract of the family Record of Robert Bayly and Nancy his wife.

Marriages June the fortenth 14th Seventeen Hundred and Seventy eight 1778 by the Rev. William

Richard's Robert Bayly to Nancy Christopher daughter of William Christopher

Deaths Robert Bayly departed this life September the fourth 4th Eighteen hundred and Twenty nine in the seventyeth 70th year of his age. Nancy Bayly wife of Robert Bayly departed this life August the fourteenth 14th Eighteen hundred and forty six in the Eighty fourth year of her age

State of Virginia }

City of Richmond }

The deposition of Scarborough Bloxam aged about seventy seven years, who deposes and saith that he enlisted on board the Gally Accomac as a midshipman before the Gally was launched & continued in that capacity untill orders were received to dismantle & lay up the Gallys that he was well acquainted with Robert Bayley, George Bloxam, Stephen Bloxam, John Johnson Tire Harman, Stephen Harman and Joshua Purkins also Elcany Andrews [Elkanah Andrews S6507], & William Andrews [X879] and that they all enlisted as sailors on board the Accomac at the commencement of her service and continued in her until they were discharged & the Accomac ordered to be striped & laid up and further this deponent saith not.

Scarborough Bloxsom

NOTE: An affidavit dated 9 May 1856 lists the children of Robert and Nancy Bayly as follows: Elijah, Molly, John, and Betsy. The last of these, Elizabeth Wessels, was the only one then living.