

**Pension Application
William Bailey R-396
(as in The US National Archives)**

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The State of Alabama
Autauga County

Circuit Court
November Term 1820

Personally appeared in open Court William Bailey a revolutionary soldier who on oath makes the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension in pursuance of the Several Acts of Congress in relation to that subject the deponent states that he was a Sergeant in Captain Saxton's Company [Sic. favored spelling is Saxon]¹ in the Regiment Commanded by Col. [Joseph] Hayes² & in the South Carolina Militia; that this deponent Served between four and five years in the Service of the United States during the revolutionary war; that he was in the battle of Cambridge³ under the American general [Nathanael] Greene; that this deponent being in the Militia Service never received a regular discharge, that he was in service at the close of the war, That this deponent never received any pay or emolument from the United States or the State of South Carolina for his services aforesaid, that this deponent is well over sixty-five years of age, that he has resided in the County of Autauga in the State of Alabama for seven or eight years and expects to make it the county of his future residence; That this deponent has a wife living nearly helpless & from age and bodily infirmity she is unable to render this deponent any assistance in his work or support.⁴ That he has one son living with him about Seventeen years of age, that this deponent has not sold, bartered, given away, or disposed of any of his property so as to lessen the same thereby to enable him to obtain the aid of his government, That he has not any other property in possession, remainder or reversion or in the possession of others for his use than is Contained in the annexed Schedule & which is as follows, to wit:

Two mares & one colt		worth	\$200
Two Beds & household Furniture		----	75
Farming Utensils		-	6
Two Saddles		-	12
Two Cows & Calves	worth	-	20

¹ JG note: Capt. C[harles] L[jewis] Saxon, 1765 –1813 SCP p. 847 “...was Captain of Belfast Company of the Patriot Little River Reg’t, on the Laurens/Newberry County Line.” p. 20

² Killed during and buried in the Mass Grave at Hayes Station, near Milton crossroads SC by Tory Col. “Bloody Bill Cunningham” more than a month after word had arrived of Cornwallis’ surrender at Yorktown.

³ Battle of the Star Fort or Siege of Ninety-Six, then named Cambridge SC.

⁴ JG: Note that this man still talks in the first person of working at an age of well over 85!

\$ 313

Some Hogs _____worth_____15

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That the deponent does not recollect any other article of property in his possession or in the possession of any other person for his use or benefit, That this deponent has no debts within his recollection due to him That he is indebted about the Sum of Fifty dollars; that this deponent is from age and bodily infirmity unable to gain a support by his own labor. He therefore asks the aid of his government, never having received any compensation from it heretofore & would not now ask it did not his necessities require it.

Sworn to in open court
23rd Nov 1820

J G Graham, Clerk

(LS) William Bailey

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State of Alabama
Autauga County

Personally Appeared
in open Court

William R. Puckett who being duly sworn Saith that he has known William Bailey for several years, and that in the Said William Bailey is a man of Good Character, respected by his neighbors & for truth and veracity, his character is as good as anyone & that he believes the affidavit of William Bailey is entitled to the fullest credit.

Given in Open Court
23rd Nov 1820

(LS) JG Graham, Clk.

(LS) Wm R. Puckett

State of Alabama
Autauga County

I, John G. Graham, Clerk of the Circuit
Court of Autauga County do hereby certify
that the foregoing declaration and affidavit

was this day made in open court, that the same is a Court of Record, being a Court of general
Jurisdiction. Given under my hand and Private Seal there being no seal of office, this 23rd day of
Nov 1820.

(LS) J G Graham, Clk.