

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Callam Baily S12947

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State of Kentucky } Sct

Barren County }

On this 18th day of March 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Barren County now sitting, Callam Bailey a Resident of Barren County Kentucky aged 83 years, who being first duely sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. He was born upon Owings [sic: Owens] Creek in Louisa County Virginia on the 1st of January 1749. on March 1775 or 1776, the particular time he does not now from the infirmity of his recollection remember, he was drafted and entered the service of the United States in the army of the Revolution, as a private in the Virginia Militia, (he thinks it was the Virginia Militia) under Captain Tolly Parish [sic: Tolley Parrish of the Goochland County Militia], Lieutenant David Rutherford & Ensign Lacy; the other company officers he does not now remember. The company belonged to the 6th Division in the Regiment commanded by Col Charles Fleming. He joined Parish's company at Goochland court house, & marched through Richmond, Manchester, Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] & Norfolk, & was stationed some time at a place called Shirley hundred on James River. After being with the company awhile Cap Tolly Parrish was promoted [to Major, 21 Dec 1778] & Humphrey Parish [sic: Humphrey Parrish] became Captain in his place. From Shirley hundred he was marched to Holts ford where he was discharged. He received a written discharge but in October after Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] it was consumed together with his house & other papers by fire. On this Tour he served ninety four days.

He was again called out of the [two illegible words] in the December after he had served his first Tour as above stated [sic: see endnote]. On this Tour he served in the Company of Captain Humphrey Parish; David Rutherford his Lieutenant, & ___ Lacy his Ensign; the other company officers he does not now through loss of memory remember. Col Charles Fleming still commanded the Regiment. On this Tour he joined the company at Goochland Court house, & I went to Norfolk, where he was in a fight with the British, the American Troops were commanded by a Frenchman named Genl Demarcus or some such name [sic: Marquis de Lafayette, often called by the soldiers "De Marquis"], & the British commanded by [Lt. Col. Banastre] Tarleton & Cornwallis. The Americans proved too hard for the British, who crossed over James River to Shirley hundred. After laying opposite Shirley hundred some time he [two or three illegible words], was marched up the River, crossed it, & came down on the British at Shirley hundred who immediately retreated and went farther down at Holts ford, where after this applicant had lain 15 days, he was discharged. His discharge was burnt like the first one as before stated. On this Tour he served ninety days At the time of entering the service on this Tour, as well in the one before specified he resided in Goochland County Virginia.

The third Tour he was again called out of the 6th Division about the last of February, in, he thinks, the 4th year after the War Commenced. His memory is very much impaired and he cannot recollect the exact periods or particular times when he was called into service & when he left it; and hopes that his recollection as to the length of each particular period will be sufficient. On this Tour he served under Capt John Perkins, his Lieutenant's name he does not remember, & Ensign Taylor in the Regiment commanded by Col. John Dark. He joined Captain Perkins at Goochland Court house, in which county he lived during the whole period of his service in the Revolutionary War. He was marched to the Ambermarle Barracks to guard the Hessians who were taken prisoner by the americans [at Saratoga NY, 17 Oct 1777; kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 until Feb 1781]. He served at the Barracks until he was discharged,

receiving a written discharge which was consumed by fire as the first was. On this Tour he served his full time of ninety days.

He was again called out in his Division the 6th the 4th time, & joined Captain Humphrey Parish at Goochland Court House, Lieutenant David Rutherford, Ensign Elijah Lacy [pension application W10189], his other company officers he does not remember, in the Regiment commanded by Col Anderson. He does not remember the number of any of his Regiments. He was again marched to Albermarle Barracks, where he served in guarding Prisoners until he was discharged receiving a written discharge which was consumed as the others were by fire. On this Tour he served ninety days.

He was again called out the 5th time, in his Division, the 6th and joined Captain Edward Duke's company, Lieutenant Franklin Pledge, Ensign Thomas Bates, the other company officers he does not now remember, in the Regiment commanded by Col Charles Fleming – he thinks probably it was the first Regiment. He joined the company at Goochland Court house. From Goochland he was marched to Norfolk, from thence to Petersburg on the Appomatox [sic: Appomattox] River – before he was marched to Petersburg however he was at Williamsburgh, where, as it was expected they would have fighting to do. Cap. Edward Duke & Lieutenant Franklin Pledge deserted, and Thomas Bates was made captain and one David Miller [probably David Mullins] Lieutenant in their place. At Black Water below Williamsburgh [see endnote], they had an engagement with the British whom it was said Tarleton commanded. From Petersburg he was marched to Manchester, where he was discharged, receiving a written Discharge which was consumed like the others as before stated. On this tour he served ninety days.

He was called out a 6th time in the said 6th Division, & joined, in the year Cornwallis was taken, about the last of July or first of August, the company at Goochland Court House, commanded by Captain Thomas Bates, Lieutenant David Mullen [sic: David Mullins], the other company officers he can not now Remember. The company belonged to the same Regiment commanded by Col Charles Fleming. From Goochland he was marched to Norfolk, Manchester, Williamsburgh & to Black Water, & from Black water he was marched to Little York, just about 43 days before Cornwallis surrendered. He continued at Little York until Cornwallis surrendered & received a written Discharge which was burnt like the rest. on this Tour he served ninety days. He served with continental Regiments & companies, but as he was attached to the Militia he cannot remember their names, numbers or captain; he thinks however there was a continental Regiment commanded by one Col Bratcher, but cannot be certain. He knew by sight the following Regular officers Captain Samuel Wooson [sic: Samuel Woodson], Captain Morris, Genl Washington, a French Genl. De Marcus or some such name. His memory is so frail he can not name more. He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He served his 6th Tour in the begining [sic] of the year Cornwallis was taken, being Discharged in April of that year, which discharge was burnt as is tufore stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. In answer to the Questions prescribed by the War Department he saith, 1st He was born on Owen's or Owing's Creek in Louisa County Virginia, on the 1st of January 1749. 2nd. He has no Record of his age – there was one in his bible which was burnt in his house in October 1781. 3rd. When called into the service every time he lived in Goochland County, Virginia about ten miles above the Court house, where he lived until about 1807 when he moved to Barren County Kentucky where he has lived ever since with the exception of about 7 months during which time he was in Mercer County Kentucky but not settled there & moved back to Barren again. 4th. He was called into service every time in this way: he was drafted at the beginning of the War & attached to the 6th Division of the Virginia Militia to stand prepared at any moment for the service, & remained attached to the said 6th Division during the War. 5th. He has before stated the names of some of the Regular officers whom he knew by sight they were as follows, Captain Samuel Woodson, Captain Morris, Genl George Washington, a French General called De Marcus or some such name. He once knew

others but his memory has failed him so much that he is now unable to name them. Being attached to the Militia he can not remember any continental Regiments or companies, but thinks there was one Regiment commanded by a Col Bratcher. he recollects he thinks, the 1st Regiment of Virginia Militia, the Regiment Commanded by Col Charles Fleming, whom this applicant allways highly esteemed as a very fine officer. Col Andersons Regiment, Col John Darks Regiment, in which Regiment he served. He was at an Engagement at Norfolk with Tarleton's Troops. Guarded Prisoners at Ambermarle, was at the Battle of hot Water & at the Seige of York. 6th. He regularly received discharges – the first was given by Captain Humphrey Parish – the 2nd by the the same Captain H. Parish – the 3rd by Captain John Perkins – the 4th by Captain Humphrey Parish – the 5th by Captain Thomas Bates & the 6th by said Captain Thomas Bates all of which were burnt in October 1781 together with his house & other papers in Goochland County Virginia. 7th. In answer to the 7th Question he would name Philip Nichols, Francis Scott, John Nichols, Elias Nichols, Robert Burch, William Glover and he could name others were it necessary.

[signed] Callam Baily

NOTES:

The engagement during Baily's fifth tour, said to have been at "Black Water below Williamsburgh" may have been the Battle of Hot Water, 6 mi NW of Williamsburg, on 26 June 1781. Tarleton was not present, but Lafayette commanded the Americans.

Baily claimed to have served six separate tours of three months each, and he received a pension for 18 months service. Three of those tours (2nd, 5th, and 6th) were said to have occurred while Tarleton and Cornwallis were in Virginia, in the five and one-half months from 8 May until the surrender on 19 Oct 1781, which is clearly impossible. Evidently Baily recalled at least one of the tours as being two different tours. Probably what Baily recalled as the 5th and 6th tours was just one tour. The first two tours may also have been a single tour.

The file of Callam Baily contains some papers belonging with the pension application W2686 of Elizabeth Oliver, widow of John Oliver.