

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Isham Bailey S12965

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State of Virginia County of Kanawha to wit

On this fourteenth day of May eighteen hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court, before Lewis Summers Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of law and Chancery for the county of Kanawha aforesaid, now sitting, Isham Bailey, a resident of Pocatallico [sic: Pocatalico], in the County of Kanawha and State of Virginia, aged seventy eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty two.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, the applicant being then a citizen of the County of Albemarle in the State aforesaid entered the service of the United States as a drafted militiaman in a company commanded by Capt. Landon Jones and Lieut. James Woods [sic: James Wood]. The company to which he was attached was marched to Williamsburg and thence to York, and thence to Hampton, thence back again to York and to Williamsburg the said company being chiefly employed upon the sea board in watching any approaches of the enemy. From Williamsburg the applicant was marched with said company to Richmond where he was discharged, having served six weeks. The certificate of his discharge he has failed to preserve, not supposing it would ever be of any service to him. During this period of his service the company to which he belonged was attached to the first Virginia Regiment, commanded he thinks by Genl. [Thomas] Nelson.

About a month after his discharge he was again drafted into a company commanded by Capt. Jno. Harris and Lieut. Ralph Thomas, in which company he served another term of six weeks. Capt. Harris' company was attached to the same Regiment to which Capt Jones had belonged and was employed in similar services. The applicant was again discharged at Richmond at the expiration of his six weeks service. The certificate of this, his second discharge, he has also failed to preserve.

About ten days after this his second discharge he was again drafted into a company commanded by Capt. Leek [sic: Mark Leak or Leake] and Lieut. John Wharton. He marched in Capt. Leek's company from Albemarle to Richmond; thence to Bottom's Bridge on the Chickahominy, where the company remained about two weeks. From thence the company was marched to Mobin hills in Charles City County near Williamsburg [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County 30 mi NW of Williamsburg], where they remained between two and three weeks; thence the company was marched to Richmond, where the applicant was again discharged - having served with said last mentioned company two months. He at this time also received a certificate of discharge, which he has lost. He was during this service also under the command of Genl. Nelson, and thinks his Col. was named Mathews

A short time after his third discharge [sic] he was again drafted into service; but he has forgotten the name of the capt. of the company to which he belonged. He was again engaged in reconnoitering and protecting the coast, and was with the troops, who chased the British forces on board their ships at Jamestown. The company to which he belonged had been united with the main body of the American army commanded by the Marquis LaFayette [on 29 Apr 1781]. He served at this time the term of three months, and was finally discharged at Mobin Hills. The certificate of his discharge at this time having, with the others, been mislaid. He has no documentary evidence by which to prove the various services above recounted or any part of them and knows of no one who served with him in either of said companies. He resided in the County of Albemarle at the period of each draft as above enumerated & set out.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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

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[Certified by Fleming Cobb (BLWt 83776-160-55 and 23996-160-50) and by William Bailey (pension application W5777), who stated that they had been neighbors of Isham Bailey in Albemarle County and revolutionary soldiers, but did not serve with him.]

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Sleeth who investigated many pensioners of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

Isham Bayley. Pensioner -

William Bayley says that he knew of Isham being in the Service as a soldier during the war of the Revo. and believes he served nine months. has often heard him say that he was nine months in service - he further states that Isham Bayley departed this life in Nov. or December last.

W. G Singleton Jany 14, 1835

NOTE: Correspondence in the file refers to Isham Bailey, son and administrator of the deceased pensioner, who applied for a pension for himself and other children, all over age 35.