

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Baily S21627

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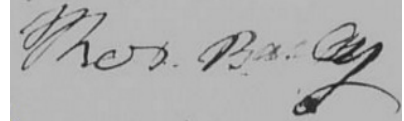
State of South Carolina }  
York District }

On this twenty sixth day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court, the court of Sessions & Common Pleas now sitting for the District of York & State of South Carolina, Thomas Bailey a resident of York District, aged seventy seven 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 passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832:

The deponent saith that he was born in the County of Sussex and State of Virginia and was a resident thereof at the time of entering the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War: That he entered said service on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1775 at the City of Norfolk as a Volunteer under Captain Mial Wall & Lieutenant William Clements, Col. Parker & Major Mathis being field officers; that he remained at Norfolk & thereabouts, about 4 months; that he was in the battle of Norfolk, which lasted 2 days & nights, commencing on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1776 [sic: 1 Jan 1776], and was in that City until it was reduced to ashes: that he then scouted over to Portsmouth and had two skirmishes with Gov. Dunmore's troops; he then left Norfolk, in May 1776, under discharge as a volunteer. In August 1776 this deponent went to Yorktown as a Militia soldier, under Capt. Grey Judkind [Gray Judkins], this deponent acting as orderly Serjeant under that officer in that service, remained there 4 months and was then discharged. This deponent re-entered the service of the United States, as a Militia soldier, in November 1777 under Capt. Lawrence Smith, John Smith being Lieutenant, went to Portsmouth, Col. Charles Harrison being commander in Chief in Portsmouth remained there 2 months and was then discharged. This deponent then entered the regular army in the First Regiment of Virginia State Artillery Troops, in Jan'y. or Feb'y. 1778 under Capt. Lawrence House [VAS1619; signed as Lawrence Howse] an Artificer Captain, Christopher Roane [X635] being 1<sup>st</sup> and John Allen [R12048] 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants, no Ensign. The commanded officers were Col. [Thomas] Marshall, Col. Charles Harrison & Major Mathis [sic: Thomas Mathews]; he went in as an Artificer under Capt. House as aforesaid, his wages in that service being 4 s. per diem Virginia Currency. He worked as an artificer in this service until his discharge in October 1780, having so worked in the City of Richmond, in the City of Williamsburg about 4 months, next at Yorktown about 8 months, at Hampton 8 months, & remainder of the time in Richmond. He remembers that while at Hampton, the British Fleet dropped anchor before Hampton Fort in May 1779, and endeavouring to land on two occasions the Enemy [Commodore George Collier and Gen. Edward Mathew] was repulsed, this deponent acting in the ranks of the American forces on these occasions: the Fleet then sailed up to Portsmouth and took that place [9-24 May 1779]. On the occasions alluded to Major Mazarette [John Mazarett R16059] commanded at Hampton a detachment of the Regiment to which this deponent belonged as he has above stated. This deponent entered said Regiment by enlistment. In Nov'r. 1780 he was again in Richmond under Capt. Green Hill as a substitute for another, stayed about six weeks & was discharged. In April 1781 he was in the battle against [Gen. Benedict] Arnold on the banks of James River in the town of Hoods, as a volunteer joined Gen'l Steuben's Army.

This deponent doth hereby relinquish every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present, and depose that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State. The only documentary evidence which this deponent can adduce is, a Virginia Military Land Warrant, No 2113, dated 13<sup>th</sup> Dec'r. 1783, for 100 acres of Land, which has been transmitted to the General Land Office at Washington, and is now as he supposes, in possession of the Office at the head of that Department. He knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Thos. Bailey".

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The left edge of the document is missing from the online image where indicated by \*.]

[\*]eby Certifie that Thomas Bailey Enlisted with me for the [\*]rm of three years from the 1st of octo'r 1777 [\*] in the state Reg't of Artilery & that the s'd Bailey [several illegible words] hereby discharged.

[signature illegible but index card says Capt. Lawrence Howse]

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Capt. S. A

NOTE: On 28 Feb 1852 in Mecklenburg County NC William Bailey, grandson of Thomas Baily, assigned power of attorney to obtain an increase in pension or other benefits for the service of the elder Baily.