

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Haley S31114

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State of Kentucky Clarke Circuit & County Sct.

On this 25th day of September 1832 came personally into open Court before Richard French one of the Circuit Judges of the State of Kentucky Benjamin Haley a resident of Franklin County in the State of Kentucky aged eighty 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born & raised in Louisa County State of Virginia: That in the month of July 1778 that he was drafted as a militia man & marched from said County & served as a guard at the Albemarle Barracks Virginia. ~~That John White was his Captain & Colonel Taylor & Major Roberts his principal officers~~ That he can neither read nor write & has forgotten the name of his General officers. That he served as a guard at said Barracks guarding British prisoners said to be about 7000 in number for about two months.

That in September 1780 he was again drafted in the militia service – that Richard Philips [Richard Phillips] was his Captain but he does not recollect the names of his General officers. That he marched from Louisa County in September 1780 to Richmond Virginia & from thence to Mackey's Mills in Isle of Wight County – That he was discharged a little before Christmas in the same year and served in that tour about three months –

That in the month of April 1781 he was again drafted in the Virginia Militia. That John Harris was his Captain, Richard Pollett [Richard Paulet or Paulett] his Lieutenant & Obadiah Tremier [Obadiah Truman] his Ensign. That he marched from Louisa County to Williamsburg that the Army under Lafayette retreated from Williamsburg to Winchester & he was discharged between these places in the latter part of May – that he served in that tour two months –

That in the early part of September 1781 he was again drafted. That John White was his Captain & Turner Anderson his Lieutenant ~~and General Lafayette his principal officer~~. That he marched from Louisa County to little York where he met the Army under General Washington that he was discharged in November 1781 the exact date not remembered. That he served in that tour more than two months –

That he obtained discharges on each of said tours of duty but has lost them –

That he has served altogether nine months to the best of his memory –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present one & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

He further states that Randall Haley¹ & John Dykes² were his messmates & fellow soldiers in each of his tours of duty aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the date above.

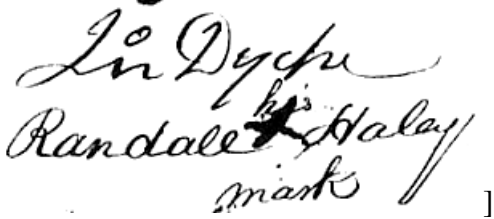
S/ Benjamin Haley, X his mark

State of Kentucky Clarke County Sct.

Personally appeared before me Richard French one of the Circuit Judges for the State of Kentucky in open court Randall Haley & John Dykes and made oath that they have been acquainted with Benjamin Haley who has made the foregoing declaration from his youth upwards. That all the facts stated in his said declaration relating to his tours of duty are true. That they served with the said Benjamin Haley in all his tours & were his messmates – Sworn to in open Court the date above.

S/ Jno. Dyche

S/ Randall Haley, X his mark



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The first signature is 'John Dyke' and the second is 'Randall Haley'. Below the second signature is an 'X' mark and the word 'mark' written in cursive. A small number '1' is written at the bottom right of the signature area.

State of Kentucky Clarke County Sct.

Benjamin Haley this 23rd day of September in the year 1833 came personally into open Court before Richard French one of the Circuit Judges of the State of Kentucky and made the following additional declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned in his former & original declaration hereto attached. That is to say he served three months commencing in the month of September 1780 & ending in the month of December in the same year – That he served at least two months commencing in the month of April 1781 and ending in the latter part of May or early in June of that year – That he served two months and upwards commencing in September 1781 and ending in November 1781. He states that he is confident that he served altogether at least seven months and for such service he claims a pension –

He further states that himself and Randall Haley & John Dyke were fellow soldiers and messmates in each of the aforesaid 3 tours of service, and the erasures were made in the original declaration prepared because his memory had failed him as to the names of some of his officers. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the date above.

S/ Benjamin Haley, X his mark

Also at the same time and in the same Court personally appeared John Dyke who states on oath that he served with Benjamin Haley in the revolutionary war in the 3 tours of duty mentioned in his original and in this amended & additional declaration and he is very certain that he served in the periods stated in his declaration and that his total service was at least 7 months. That he and Randall Haley were his messmates in all of said service, and have obtained pensions therefore.

¹ FPA S13318

² Sic, [John Dyche S12833](#)

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

S/ Jno. Dyche

[William Wright, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]