Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Josephus Bailey S34633

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State of Maryland City of Baltimore Sc.

On this Twenty fourth day of June in the year of our lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen personally appeared before me the undersigned Josephus Bailey a resident of Baltimore County aged Sixty three years or thereabouts, an applicant for a pension under the lat act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united states in the revolutionary war, "and then and there made the following declaration on Oath by me administered, that he enlisted at Baltimore in the month of April 1777, under Lieutenant John Bailey in Capt. Griffiths [Samuel Griffith's] Company 3^d Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. N. Ramsay [sic: Nathaniel Ramsey] marched to Head of Elk [present Elkton MD], then to Philadelphia and then to Morris Town [Morristown] New Jersey, where the Company joined said Regiment, thence they marched to Staten Island – was at the Battles of Brandywine [PA, 11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown PA, 4 Oct 1777], Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779], Monmouth [NJ, 28 Jun 1778] and York [Siege of Yorktown VA, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781; see endnote] – was at the taking of Cornwallis in Va. and at many engagements and scirmishes of inferior note – and after serving on the Continental establishment in the regular army upwards of five years was discharged at Annapolis at the Close of the War by General [William] Smallwood – which discharge he lost some years sinc, and that his name hath never been subscribed on any pension list, and from his reduced Circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support

josefshus Bailey

When the pension Certificate is granted please forward the same care of Thomas Bailey Esquire Baltimore

City of Balt'e Sct.

On this 24th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen personally appeared before me one of the Judges of Baltimore City Court Martin Beaver [pension application S34647], and made Oath that he well knows Josephus Bailey now present, knows him to have been in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War upwards of three years, that they both were attached to the 3^d Regiment & served in same Company and served together for about that period

Martin hisMmarke Beaver

Auditor's Office, Annapolis, July 6th 1819

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Joseph Bailey enlisted as a Private in the Third Maryland Regiment, on the 21st day of May 1777 and was on the 5th Aug't. 1780 Furl'd. & never returned Thos. Karney Aud. S. M.

United States of America Maryland District SS.

ON this fifth day of September 1820, personally appeared in open court in the District Court in and for the District of Maryland Joseph Bailey aged Sixty five years, resident in Baltimore County in said District who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: That he enlisted at Baltimore under Lieutenants John Bailey in Capt Griffith's Company attached to the 2^d Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. Nathan Ramsay in the month of April 1777 and continued in the service of the United States n the Continental Establishment to the close of the war being upwards of five years in continuance when he was discharged at Annapolis by General Smalwood to best of his recollection. That he made his original declaration before the Honorable Judge [undeciphered] at Baltimore on or about 24 June 1818 and placed on the pension list Roll of the Maryland Agency at the rate of \$8 per month as will appear by his Certificate bearing date the 6 September 1819 and number 14495

and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Property none of any description whatever. Family none

Hath no trade or occupation except that of a common labourer, he formerly supported himself by labouring in stone quarries, but from advanced age and bodily infirmities is unable to continue so labourious a calling and in consequence thereof is incapable of supporting himself, and actually in such indigent circumstances as to require the assistance of his country for support having no other dependence except private or public charity.

Joseph Bailey

NOTE: Bailey's service at the Siege of Yorktown may have been as a militiaman.