Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Ansolem Bailey S37702 VA
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New Kent County State of Virginia to wit:

On this 9th day of July 1818 – before us the subscriber justices of the Peace and Judges of the County Court of New Kent personally appears Ansolem Bailey aged 58 years resident in the county afores'd. and State of Virginia, who being by us first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by a late 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" – That he the said Ansolem Bailey enlisted in October 1777 in the county of New Kent in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Abner Crump [pension application R13459] in the first Virginia Regiment on continental establishment for three years Command of Colo. Geo. Gibson [George Gibson BLWt1985-500] – That he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until the expiration of said term of enlistment when he was discharged at Philadelphia in the State of Pensylvania. That he was in the battles of Monmont [sic: Monmouth NJ, 28 Jun 1778] Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] and at the taking of Fowlers Hook [sic: Paulus Hook NJ, 19 Aug 1779] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – and that he has now no other evidence in his power of his said services his discharge having long since been lost.

[In Oct 1819 Bailey was dropped from the pension roll because his service was with the Virginia State troops, not in Continental service as required by the act of 1818. The pension was restored after it was explained that the 1st Virginia State Regiment was directed to replace the 9th Virginia Continental Regiment after it was shattered at the Battle of Germantown on 4 Oct 1777.]

Virginia to wit } On this 8th day June Anno Domini 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County of New Kent so constituted by the laws of the State and being a Court possessing the power of fine and imprisonment, Ansolem Bailey aged 62 years resident in the aforesaid County who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows in the 1st Virginia regiment on Continental establishment in Captain Crumps Comp'y. that he has received a pension number of the pension certificate 8007 that he served from the 4th day Oct'r. 1776 until December 1779, the day of discharge not recollected 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 person 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. The declarant is by occupation a farmer, in consequence of his infirmity and old age, he is unable to pursue his occupation so as to maintain his family. he has in family five persons Viz. Susannah Bailey his wife aged 28 years and children three Viz Rebecca 6 years Marth 4

years and Ansolem 1 year old, and a free boy 16 years old. A Schedule of the property of Ansolem Bailey, of the County of New Kent with the valuation thereof, by Matthew Higgins and Parks Martin freeholders of the said County Viz

1 Grey mare	. \$10.00
D'o. Colt Bay	25.00
1 Cow & Calf	15.00

New Kent County }

Richmond June 12 1820

I certify that I have this day examined the aforesaid Ansolem Bailey, who has a disease of the right testicle which is much enlarged; and which I believe, renders the said Bailey unable to labour, so as to maintain his family &c. (signed) Jas. Lyons M.D.

I have this day examined the bearer Ansolem Bailey, who saes he is in the Sixty eighth year of his age – he has a scar on the posterior part of the leg, which he saes is the evidence of a bullet having penetrated there at the battle of Monmouth.

The said Bailey has also an enlarged testicle, the Circumference of which I ascertained by measuring it, to be seventeen inches. This tumacer [tumescence?] is hard, but whether Schirraes[?], or by what cause the enlargement is produced I am not prepared to determine

Richmond December 17th1825

Jas. Lyons M.D.

Revolutionary Claims

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an Act, intitled an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Revolution, approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Ansolam Bailey of the County of Hanover, Virginia do hereby declare, that I entered the service of the U. States early in the year 1776 as a Common Soldier in Capt. Abner Crumps Company, of Colo. Geo. Gibsons Regiment, first on State and then on Continental establishment, which marched to the north and served with the Continental army both to the North & South to the end of the War where I was regularly discharged at little york Town Virginia Ansolam Bailey

I do hereby declare that I was well acquanted with Ansolam Bailey in the Revolutionary war he was a Common Soldier in Capt Abner Crumps Company in Colo. Geo. Gibsons Regiment, on the Continental establishment, I was with him in several engagements and well know, that he served his Country during the war in the Continental line.

[1 Dec 1829] Peter Foster [S46443]

To the Honorable the Speaker & member of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States – The memorial of Anselm Bailey humbly sheweth that your memorialist a resident of New Kent County & State of Virginia enlisted under Capt. A. V. Crump [sic: see endnote] the 21st of November 1776 and continued in service till the the 22nd Dec'r. 1779 when he was discharged.

Your memorialist further states, that he was first commanded by Colo. Geo. Gibson, and under his Command entered the Army Commanded by Gen'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] at Wet Camp in Pennsylvania the day after the Battle at Germantown – & at White Marsh [Whitemarsh] he was taken Prisoner with several other American Soldiers – and that by his means chiefly, the prisoners escaped together with himself from prison & reported themselves to Gen'l. Muhlenburg at Valley Forge; that your memorialist was at the Battles of Monmouth Fowler's Hook & Stoney Point, and at the battle of Monmouth received a wound in the Calf of his right leg; and finally that he was at York Town during the Siege of that place by the United Armies of France and America [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]

Your memorialist farther states, that from the arduous duties he performed during the Revolutionary War, he is now rendered unable to procure a subsistence for himself and family – say a

wife and seven small Children, all of whom depend on the honest exertions of your memorialist for support that your memorialist is now poor, old, and very infirm, & crave at your hands that assistance that his Revolutionary services, his poverty, and his afflictions may seem just unto you. Your memorialist is now seventy years of age, and unless he receives some assistance from the Government of his Country he must inevitable suffer, for the government of Va. his native State, has refused to allow him a pension because he belonged to the Continental establishment & not to the State line Upon these grounds & considerations your memorialist humbly prays for a pension, & as in duty bound will ever pray &c Anselm Bailey

[8 Jan 1830] The affidavit of Peter Francisco [W11021] of the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia, and now Sergeant at Arms to the House of Delegates

This affiant states that he was acquainted with Anselm Bailey a soldier in the Revolutionary Army. That said Bailey and affiant constituted a part of the Forlorn hope at the Storming of Stoney point – that there Bailey was his left hand man and was in the hottest of the fight and in the thickest of the Slaughter. That he and the said Bailey were also tegether in the battles of Monmouth and the Storming of mud Island [Fort Mifflin on Mud Island, 15 Nov 1777]. That in all these actions, so far as the affiant saw, Bailey conducted himself like a good and brave soldier – and the affiant never heard any complaint of him in the army or elsewhere.

[On 26 Aug 1830 Bailey applied for an additional pension for wounds suffered during the war.]

[From <u>Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection</u>/ New Kent County – Bailey, Anselm]

To the honorable speaker and house of delegates of Virginia: The petition of Anselm Bailey of the County of New Kent humbly sheweth,

That your petitioner is a native citzen of Virginia in the sixty third year of his age, that he enlisted as a private soldier early in the war of the revolution in the first Virginia regiment, commanded by Colonel George Gibson, which made a part of General Mullenburgs brigade; that he served in general Washingtons camp soon after the battle of German Town and passed the winter with the army at Valley Forge, that he was in the affair at the Moravian meeting house under General LaFayette: Fought under General Washington throughout the battle of Monmouth court house, assisted in the capture of the enemies fort at Paulas Hook under Colonel [Henry] Lee: and was afterwards detailed with other soldiers to fill up a light-infantry company, making a part of the force destined for the assault on Stony Point – which he entered with the company, and saw the British Flag pulled down by his own Captain. That he was honorably discharged at Philadelphia, and returned to Virginia where he served several tours of duty with the Militia, and was present in service at the capture of York Town: That his identity, his poverty, and disability, were proven, and his services acknowledged by the Government of the United States, which granted him a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month; which pension has been suddenly stoped, because it has been found that the regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson in which he enlisted was not on the Continental establishment: That his family consists of four females (two of them an incumbrance on the others) and himself only, and his whole property has been appraised and proven in court as required by the law of the United States to be worth no more than ninety five dollars and seventy five cents: That in consequence of the fatigue, exertions, hardships and sufferings, which he underwent in the service of his Country in the war of the revolution, he became soon after badly ruptured, which disease has grown to such an intolerable size as almost to incapacitate him for the exertions necessary to support his family. In consideration of all which he humbly begs your honorable body to make some provision that may save him in his declining days from the exertions of poverty, and your petioner as in duty bound will ever pray. Signed/ Anselm Bailey

Rec'd this 5th day of May 1822 of Wm. Munford Clerk of the House of Delegates, the papers filed with

my petition withdrawn by leave of the House.

Anselm hisXmark Bailey

M. Eumplase

Dec'r 17th 1822 ref'd to Claims 1823 6 Jan'y laid upon the table/ 10th Reasonable/ 11 Report drawn/ 29 Bill drawn

To the Senate & House of Delegates of Virginia in General Assembly. The Petition of Anselm Bailey, of the County of New kent respectfully represents: That yr petioner is now in his sixty ninth year, poor, & infirm. That he was a soldier in the war of the revolution, and was wound in battle. That he enlisted as a soldier in the first Virginia foot regiment commanded by Colo Geo. Gibson & in the company of Captain A. V. Crump on the 21 of Nov'r. 1776 & continued in service until the 2nd of December 1779, when he was discharged. That under the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 he was enrolled as a Pensioner, on the Roll of the Virginia agency, in July 1818 & received his pension until October 1819 when he was stricken off the Pay roll in consequence of its having been discovered that Colo. George Gibson in whose regiment yr. Petioner served, was not on the Continental establishment, but in the Virginia State line. He is now in extreme poverty almost three score & ten, surrounded by a young, numerous & helpless family, dependent upon his exertion for support, & he unable to do much. He is therefore compelled to present himself again to the Legislature of his native State, & to ask for a Pension, in consequence of his services & sacrifices, & not to be suffered to perish for want of the necessaries of life; He asks but [undeciphered word] & that [same undeciphered word] he cannot in the course of nature long enjoy. He therefore respectfuly submits his case, with the vouchers in support of it to the Reprentatives[?] of freemen[?] enjoying the blessings which he contributed by his blood, to secure — A. Bailey

Dec'r 6th 1826 ref'd to Claims/ 1826 Dec'r 12th Reasonable/ 16 Reported/ 21 Bill drawn

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia in three files indexed as Bailey, Anselm. One file contains what appears to be a discharge signed by Ab. Crump with a note dated April 1780, but it is mostly illegible.]

I do certify that Anselm Bailey a Soldier of my Company 1 Virg'a S't. Regiment enlisted with me the 21st November 1776 & continued in service till 22^d December 1779 when he was discharged.

Ab. Crump, Capt. V.S Troops.

Richmond 27th Octr 1783

Del'd. Gen'l. [Charles] Scott.

A warrant appears to have issued to Anselm Bailey for services rendered in the Cont. line – A warr't for 100 acres issued to a certain Anselm Bailey for services rendered in the State line.

Land off/ 15th Dec'r 1820

Chas Blagrove

Land Office May 27th 1833.

I certify that on the 5th day of Dec'r 1783, Anselm Bailey obtained a Military Land Warrant for 100 acres as a private in the state line for three years service. [illegible signature]

NOTE: The name "A. V. Crump" is evidently a misreading of the signature of Ab. Crump.