Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Haley [Hailey] S5487 Transcribed by Will Graves

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Virginia, to wit

On this 25th day of September 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of Halifax County, now sitting, Lewis Hailey, a resident of said County in the State aforesaid aged 84 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 entered the Service of the United States, being drafted about the first of January 1781 and marched to Bibb's ferry in the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia in a company of drafted Militia commanded by Capt. Joshua Powell, Lieut. Charles Womack and Ensign Hezekiah Powell, through the Counties of Charlotte, Lunenburg and Nottoway to the long ordinary in the County of Dinwiddie near the town of Petersburg and was stationed at that place about one week, from there we marched through Prince George County to Cabin Point, near James River in the County of Surry where we joined Col. Fleming's Regiment in General Muhlenberg's brigade we were stationed at that place about three weeks then marched under General Muhlenberg to Mackie's old field in the County of Isle of Wight and were stationed at that place about three weeks then marched to the burnt mills in the said County and staid there one month then marched down to a place called "Jerico" [sic Jericho] near Portsmouth, staid there but one day, and marched back to the burnt mills in the said County of Isle of Wight. We were again stationed at that place about 3 weeks. We were discharged by General Muhlenberg, about the last of April or first of May 1781. The whole of the time of service rendered in this tour was at least three months and fifteen days. The discharge given to me by General Muhlenberg is lost or mislaid and cannot be found. I have no documentary evidence but the Service rendered he is proven by Thomas Clardy¹ and Moses Epps² who were soldiers with me the whole time, I acted as Sgt. the whole time on this tour.

About the first of August of the same year 1781, I was again drafted into the militia service of the United States and ordered to join a Company of militia that marched from Pittsylvania County commanded by Capt. William Dix Lieut. David Hunt and Ensign Clement McDaniel.³ I joined the said company in Charlotte or Lunenburg then on the march and went with them direct through the town of Petersburg to James Town and was stationed at that place one week and marched from thence to Little York and was attached to Col. Maryweathers [sic Thomas Meriwether's] Regiment in General Stephens [Edward Stevens'] Brigade and we were

¹ Thomas Clardy S8216

² Moses Epps S6822

³ Clement (Clemant) McDaniel W7419

Stationed at that Place until Lord Cornwallis surrendered himself and his Army to General Washington. I was then discharged by Col. Meriwether on the 20th day of October 1781, the whole time of service rendered on this tour including the time allowed to travel home was at least three months my discharge is lost and cannot be found, I have no documentary evidence, but the Service rendered is proven by Isham Farmer, and William Jeffres⁴ who were soldiers with me at the same time and stationed at the same place. I was born in the County of Orange in the State of Virginia, I suppose in the year 1748. I have no record of my age. I resided in the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia when I entered the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. I lived in that Country when the war ended and have lived in the same County ever since and still live there.

That he I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the Present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Lewis Hailey, X his mark

Sworn to in Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

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I Isham Farmer of Pittsylvania County & State of Virginia do hereby Certify and solemnly swear that during the revolutionary war he was drafted into the Militia Service of the United States and marched under the command of Capt. William Dix and Lieut. Clement McDaniel from said County to Little York, then I was stationed at that place and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Many weather [sic, Thomas Meriwether] and the said Lewis Haley of Halifax County and State aforesaid was stationed at the same time at that place and that both of us were present when Lord Cornwallis Surrendered his forces to General Washington and I believe that the said Lewis Haley was honorably discharged. Given under my hand this 25 day of July 1832.

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S/ Isham Farmer

[Attested by Stephen Coleman, JP]

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This day Moses Epps⁵ personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County of Halifax and made Oath that Lewis Haley of the said County was a Revolutionary Soldier and served a tour of Duty as a Sgt. from the County of Halifax in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Powel and that the said Lewis Haley was honorably discharged from the said Service at the burnt mills in the County of Isle of Wight in the month of April 1781 -- Given under my hand this 27th day of August 1832

S/W. Bailey

Pittsylvania County

William Jeffreys of said County do hereby certify & solemnly swear that during the Revolutionary War Lewis Haley then & still of the County of Halifax and myself were drafted in the militia of Virginia and marched direct to Little York and both were in the memorable battle

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⁴ William Jeffreys (Jeffries) S18470

⁵ Moses Epps S6822

fought at that place when the British General Lord Cornwallis was taken by the American Army - the said Haley fought under General Stevens in Capt. William Dix's Company -- after which Battle the said Haley was honorably discharged.

Given under my hand this 5th day December 1831 –

S/ Wm Jeffreys, X his mark

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 5th of December 1831 S/ Daniel Nunnelly, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.50 per annum commencing March 4^{th} , 1831, for service as a Sergeant for $6\frac{1}{2}$ months in the Virginia militia.]