

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Bailey S8053

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State of Virginia, Sussex county. Sct

On this 6th [?] day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the justices of the county Sussex, now sitting in open Court, Henry Baily a Resident of the county and state aforesaid, aged Seventy Eight 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 7th June 1832

That he entered the service of the Revolution, in the year 1779 as a Volunteer, being then a Resident of the county of Sussex under Capt Gray Judkins. That he marched from Sussex Court-house, to the Little York, on York River in Virginia where he remained two months; after which time he was then discharged. That in the year 1780 he was drafted into the Regular service of the United States under Col. David Mason of the 15th Regiment – that he march through Petersburg Virginia, and thence Fredericksburg Virginia, where he remained a short time and employed a substitute and returned home. That in the year 1781 he entered the service a third time under the command of Capt. Laurence Smith of Sussex. that he march to Breads[?] mill in Nansemond county thence to Edmond Hills, at which place he was stationed – that he was then placed under the command of Col Parker, that they had several skirmishes with the enemy, and [two illegible words] from their position and retreated to Meads Mill – thence the army marched under the command of Col. Mughlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], to Prince George Court house where he was discharged. That again in the year 1781 he entered the service as a militiaman under the command of Capt. Sylvanus Bell that he was a lieutenant in Capt Bells com’y. that he marched to Cabin point [on James River], that after he remained at Cabin Point in the county of Surry Va about three weeks, he was sent to Sussex county Va to collect Cattle for the army which he did that he remained in service for two months and was discharged. That he never had a written discharge as it was not customary to give the militia written discharges, that it is impossible for his to state precise periods at which he entered the service, or the time he served under each commander, as he never kept a memorandum of the service but believes he served during the war, more than Eighteen months He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Henry hisXmark Bailey

The Affidavit of Henry Bailey aged seventy nine years, being first duly sworn; in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passd 7th June 1832

States that he entered the service of the United States a volunteer and Sergeant under Capt Grey Judkins & Leut. Jesse Wrenn[?] about 1st Sept'r and left about 1st of November of same year, was a resident of Sussex County Va. at the time and marched from Sussex by way of Williamsburg to Little York, where he was stationed during that tour. Col. [Charles] Harrison commanded the Regulars there at that time, but did not take command of the comp’y to which he belonged, he does not recollect in what year this service was render’d.

It further States that in the year 1778 (then resident in Sussex) he was drafted as a regular for one year, under command of Col. David Mason and marched to Fredericksburg, Va where he remained four months, then hired a substitute for the balance of his time & came home, that he has lost his written discharge given him by Col. D. Mason

It further states that he entered the service in the fall of 1780 a Leut (Residing in Sussex Va.) under Capt. Sylvanus Bell and serv’d the usual tour of two months, this tour was generally perform’d in Sussex, in collecting provisions for the army at Cabin Point.

It states that he entered the service again on 25th February 1781 and left 25th of April the same year (a resident in Sussex Va.) under command of Capt. Laurence Smith, and Leut. Seymour Powell, was march'd to Mead Mill near Suffolk, where he was attach'd to the command of Gen'l. Mughlenburg, was afterwards detach'd under command of Col. Parker, and stationed near the British Fort about the head of Elizabeth River, to intercept the enemies communication with the surrounding country, and while on this tour he had frequent skirmishes with the enemy. [signed 15 Feb 1833] Henry Bailey
[Certified by Philip Bailey.]

NOTE: A letter dated 13 Mar 1860 states that Henry Bailey died on 3 Jan 1843 leaving one surviving child and grandchildren by that child as well as grandchildren by deceased children.