

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Bailey W5777

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[The papers of William Bailey are divided into two different folders. The first, labeled "S— Ctf 14296," includes his application under the pension acts of 1818 and 1820. The second, numbered W5777, includes his application under the act of 1832, as well as the application of his heirs.]

Commonwealth of Virginia } To Wit
8th. Judicial Circuit }

On this 8th day of October 1818 before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia, of which the eighth Circuit as aforesaid is a part, personally appeared William Bailey aged 60 years, resident in Albemarle County in the said Circuit, who being by me duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress, entitled An act to provide for certain personas engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." that he the said William Bailey enlisted in the Land service in the State of Virginia, in the line of Virginia troops, in the company of Regular troops on continental establishment, Commanded by Captain Thomas Walker of the ninth Regiment [see endnote], that he continued to serve in the same Corps or in the service of the United States for the term of two years, during which time he served in Morgan's company of Riflemen, when he was discharged from the Service in the State of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battles of Brunswick [22 Jun 1777] & taking of Burgoyne [17 Oct 1777] and that he is reduced in circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services — Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

Albemarle County Virginia

On the 12th day of May 1819 James Eubank of the County of Albemarle came before me Joseph Coffman a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, and doth on his oath state that William Baily was Resident of Albemarle and that he said Baily served with said Eubank in the United States service (During the Revelation) in the Company commanded by Capt Thomas Walker ninth Virginia regt. comanded by Col Mathus [sic: George Mathews] and he said Eubank further says that It was about twelve months that he served with said Baily in the company and Regt. aforesaid and that they were generally at the Eastern Shores and said Baily was after that send to the north
James Eubank

Virginia District

Albemarle County SS.

On this 8th day of October 1820 William Baily, personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record in said County of Albemarle, and district aforesaid aged sixty seven years resident in said County of Albemarle who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows that he enlisted in said service in a Company in the State of Virginia commanded by Captain Thomas Walker of the 9th Regiment of regular troops on continental establishment about the year 1776 that he continued to serve in the same or in the service of the United States for the term of two years when he was discharged in the State of Pennsylvania haveing served the time for which he enlisted during the service aforesaid he was in the battles of Brunswick and taking of Burgoyne and that he has received a pension certificate bearing date the 20 day of September 1819 No 14,296 and that he was a resident citizen of the United State on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by Gift sale or in any other 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 during the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has

any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed to wit, about 40 acres of poor land in two tracts and about 140 acres more on which I live a tenant at will also poor land 2 horses one 15 years old, the other a colt, 7 head of cattle 11 head of sheep 11 hogs with a moderate supply of household and kitchen furniture. I further declare myself by occupation to be a farmer that I am by no means able to carry it on myself to advantage that I have a wife aged 47 years and nine children aged as follows, Sam'l. 15 years old James 14 years old William 12 years old John 10 years old Reuben 3 years old Nancy 22 Betsy 18 Lucinda 9 Martha 7 and that I owe debts to the amount of \$300 and that I am infirm and unable to support myself in comfort without assistance. Wm. Baily

Virginia Sc

At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery held for Kanawha County the 14th day of May 1833 State of Virginia Kanawha County towit

On this fourteenth day of may eighteen hundred and thirtythree personally appeared in open Court before Lewis Summers Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the said County of Kanawha William Bailey a resident of Pocatallico [Pocatalico] in the County aforesaid aged seventynine, who maketh oath, that in the year of seventeen-hundred-and-seventy-six he enlisted in the County of Albemarle and State aforesaid, in the service of the United States, for the term of two years, in a company commanded by Capt. Thomas Walker of the ninth Regiment of Regular Troops on Continental establishment, and that he continued to serve as a private in said company and Regiment for the full term of two years, for which he had enlisted. At the expiration of which period, he was regularly discharged in the State of Pennsylvania, about fifteen miles from Philadelphia, at a place called the "White Horse" [White Horse Tavern in Chester County]. The certificate of which discharge, he afterwards lost - that during the period of his said service he was in the Battle of Brunswick; and at the taking of Burgoyne at Saratoga, besides various skirmishes and slight engagements with the enemy.

The said William Bailey further maketh oath, that in the year eighteen hundred and twenty, while still a resident of the County of Albemarle he made application in due form and was placed on the pension Roll, under the provisions of the act of Congress passed March the eighteenth eighteen hundred and eighteen, and was continued on said Pension Roll for about one year and a half - when he was dropped therefrom on the ground, as was alleged, that he possessed property to an amount which excluded him from the benefits of said act of May eighteenth, eighteen hundred and eighteen. That he continued to reside in the County of Albemarle until about three years since, when he removed to the place where he at present resides. That since his name was dropped from the Pension Roll as aforesaid, he hath not received any pension or annuity whatever, nor hath his name been on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. William hisXmark Bailey

State of Virginia } SS.
County of Putnam }

On this 3rd day of June AD one thousand Eight hundred and fifty three Reuben P Bailey and William Bailey Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace within & for the Count of Putnam in the State of Virginia they Being Residents of said County in the State aforesaid after Being duly Sworn according to Law state & make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the Provisions made by the several acts of Congress Providing Pensions for soldiers their widows & heirs as the case may be they state that their father was a Revolutionary Soldier in the war with great Britain whose name was William Bailey & that he drew a Pension & was Placed on the Pension List in the county of Albemarl in the State of Virginia where he then resided & moved afterwards to the County of Kanawha in the State aforesaid where he was again Placed on the Pension List and Drew a Pension as a Resident of the County of Kanawha in Virginia up to the Time of his death & they state that he died meaning their father William Bailey on or about the first day of march 1837 on Pocatalico River in said County of Kanawha aforesaid at the house of John Parrish - Leaving a widow the mother of the said Reuben Bailey & William Bailey & others who survived her Husband

William Bailey many years She the said widow whose name was Sarah Bailey died at the house of her son Reuben P. Bailey in the county of Putnam State of Virginia on the 17th day of July AD 1851 (Eighteen hundred & fifty one) having lived fourteen years and 139 days longer than her Husband William Bailey her age cannot be ascertained as there was no record of her age found But they think she was upwards of Eighty years of age at the time of her death

and for the services & Identity of their father William Bailey the said Reuben P. Bailey and William Bailey Respectfully refer the Department to the original Papers filed in the department by which the aforesaid William Bailey dec'd. Drew his Pension & which is hereby made a part of this declaration

The said Reuben P. Bailey and William Bailey further state & declare that from the Record of the ages of the children of the aforesaid William Bailey & Sarah Bailey which was kept by Reuben P. Bailey & cut out of the Testament & Bible & hereto attached as part of the declaration that Sarah Bailey their mother was as they verily believe married to William Bailey their father Previous to the year 1798 from the fact that the Record of ages shows that Nancy Bailey the Eldest child was Born May 6th 1798

They further state that their mother Sarah or Sally Bailey remained a widow from the death of her Husband up to the time of her death and that she never made any application for a Pension Being informed that she was not entitled to any

They further state that they have reason to believe that their mother Sarah or Sally Bailey was not married to their father William Bailey Prior to his leaving the Service & state that their father & mother as they have reason to believe were married in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia & that their mothers name before marriage was Sarah or Sally Sprouse and that she was married by the Rev'd [blank] on or about the [blank] day of [blank]

The said Reuben P. Bailey and William Bailey further state that Nancy Bailey a Sister Being the Eldest married Mathew Phillip and that she has been dead fifteen years or upwards leaving seven children whose names are not known except the eldest (Janey) they having removed to Warren County Kentucky State more than Twenty years since

and that their Sister Betsy A Bailey married David Graham & live in the county of Buckingham Va at last accounts

and that their sister Sally Bailey died at the age of about two years

And that their Brother Samuel Bailey lives in Putnam County Va & that their Brother James Bailey lives in Kenawha Cty Va

and that their Brother John Bailey died in Kenawha County Va about two years since leaving three children Mary Bailey Elizabeth Bailey & Martha Jane Bailey

And that their Sister Lucinda S Bailey died many years since leaving no children & that their Sister Martha L Bailey married Joseph Lanum & live in Putnam County Va

The said Reuben P. Bailey & William Bailey for themselves and their Brothers & Sisters and the heirs of those that are Dead as mentioned above make this declaration for the Purpose of obtaining such Pension as their mother Sarah or Sally Baily was Entitled to at the time of her death according to the several acts of Congress in such cases made and Provided

William Bailey

Reuben P Bailey

Ages of William Baileys Childrin And Salley his Wife

Nancy Bailey was Born May 6th 1798

Betsy A. Bailey was born Sept 10th 1802

Salley Bailey was born Nov'm 28th 1803

Sam'l. Bailey was born Apl. 19th 1805

Jas. Bailey was born Sept. [?]th 1806

William Bailey was Bornd Aprill 16 188110

John Bailey January 22 18[page torn]

Lucinda Bailey was borne August 11 1812

Martha Bailey was borned August 18 1814

Reuben P Bailey was April 2 1817

Miss Catharon Norvell

Miss Catherine Horvell

Miss Mary Thomas

Mr William Bailey

On demand I promised to pay for cost to be paid unto Miss Catharine Nor[page torn] the first one full sum of 100 one and fifty five dollars which I bo[page torn] my sef my hiers and adminis and sofourth &c [rest of sheet contains doodles]

Religion never was designed to make your pleasers less [written four times, together with the name James Barnes and other marks]

Command you may your mind from Miss Mary [several illegible words]

On demain promised to pay to Miss Mildrild Bailey the Just and full some of 100 and twenty five dollars vallue received of hier this the first day of

NOTES:

Capt. Thomas Walker's company was raised in Albemarle County on 11 Mar 1776. I could not identify a Captain Morgan who commanded a rifle company.

William Bailey was one of many pensioners from present West Virginia who was investigated by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. Singleton's report on Bailey is too faded to read, but the word "Entitled" appears on the cover.

On 3 May 1853 Nancy Hill, 76, deposed that she was present at the marriage of William Bailey to Sarah Sprouse at the home of William Stregar in Albemarle County around May 1795.

On 11 Oct 1853 at age 52, and also on 14 Apr 1854, Pleasant Lanham deposed that he had been a neighbor William and Sarah Bailey when they lived near the line separating Albemarle and Nelson counties and also after they moved to the part of Kanawha County that became part of Putnam County in 1848. He also stated that William Bailey died at his own home on Pocatalico River about the last of Feb 1837, as he recalled from records showing that Bailey was sawing planks to build the Baptist Church before he died.