Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of George Baylor W5966 Lucy Burwell VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 22 June 2017.

Clarke County & } Viz State of Virginia }

On this 21st day of March 1837 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County & State aforesaid Lucy Burwell a resident in the said county & State aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed March the 3rd 1837 – which is an amendment to the Act of 4th July 1836 – that she was the widow of Col. George Baylor who was a Col. of Cavelry in the Virginia line of the Continental Army of the United States & that the said Col. George Baylor received a wound in one of the engagements in New Jersey of which he never recovered & which wound was the cause of his death [see endnote]. She further declares that she was married to the said Col George Baylor on the 30th day of May 1778 & that her husband the said Col. George Baylor died on the 19th day of Nov. 1784 in consequence of a broken constitution from the wound above referred to. She further more declares that she was again married to Col. Nathaniel Burwell of James City County & State aforesaid on the 24th day of January 1792 & that the said Col. Nathaniel Burwell her second Husband died on the third day of March 1814 since which time she has remained a widow as will more fully appeareth by other testimony appended

[signed] Lucy Burwell

Robert Page of Clarke County Virginia, aged seventy two years deposeth and saith that to the best of his Recollection, sometime in the year 1778, he was at North End the Dwelling House of his Brother Mann Page now deceased, who resided at that Time in the County of Gloucester in the State of Virginia, and that the late Colo George Baylor who had been (as this affiant understood) appointed to the Command of a Regiment of Cavalry in the Revolutionary Army, came together with his Wife Lucy a Daughter of Mann Page the Elder of Mannsfield (who was an Uncle of this affiant) on a Visit for sometime to his Brother aforesaid of North End. This affiant well recollects to have seen Mrs. Baylor (now Mrs Burwell) at the Time abovementioned and to have understood that she was then the lawful Wife of the said Colo. George Baylor.

This affiant farther saith, that he recollects, that some time in the year 1783 or 1784, he was at Rosewell the Residence of the late John Page (afterwards Governor of Virginia) who was a Brother of the half Blood to the said Mrs Baylor (now Mrs Burwell), at which time a Male Servant of the late Colo George Baylor arrived at Rosewell with Information that the said Colo Baylor his Master, had died some weeks before at the Island of Bermuda, to which Place the said Colo. Baylor had gone on account of his Health; and that shortly after, the said Servant repaired to Mannsfield near Fredericksburg where Mrs. Baylor (now Mrs Burwell) was then supposed to be.

This affiant is well acquainted with Mrs Burwell (formerly Mrs Baylor) having resided near her for more than forty years as Mrs Burwell, and having known her for several years before whilst she was the Wife of the said Colo George Baylor, and after his Decease as his Widow.

Robert Page

Virginia Clarke County to wit

The above named Robert Page appeared before me a Justice of the Peace and made Oath according to Law that the above statement is true to the best of his Recollection. Given under my Hand this 10th of March 1837.

Nath'l. Burwell

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

This may Certify that Colo. George Baylor has Served in the Continental Army from Jan'y 1777 till date, and is now in Service as Colo of Dragoons.

Given under my hand/ 15th Jan'y 1783 [George Weedon Brigadier General]

Caroline Cot'y Decemb'r the 22^d 1783

Dr Sir The Reason Mr. Woodfolk waits on you with a certificate from the Attorney Gen'l. of my appointment in the Army for the additional quantity of land for services after being in the Army six years. My first appointment was the 14th of August 1775. I mention this least[?] Mr. Randolph should be out of the way. Your doing this business with the Bearer will greatly oblige

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Edmund Candolph

Dr. Sir I am most/ [undeciphered word] H'ble Serv't George Baylor

Richmond January 29 1784

I do hereby certify that, to my knowledge, Colo. George Baylor was appointed Aid de camp to General Washington some time in the month of August 1775. I think, it was on the 14th of that month.

Edmund Randolph

NOTES:

Baylor was shot through the lungs during a surprise attack at Old Tappan NJ in the early hours of 28 Sep 1778. Baylor is generally said to have recovered and served until the end of the war.

The file includes a note dated 22 May 1878 from Mann Page to the Clerk of Spotsylvania County requesting a license for Colo. George Baylor to marry Lucy Page. Also in the file is a copy of a bond signed on 29 May 1778 by "George Baylor & Thomas Powell gent" for the marriage of Baylor to Lucy Page, spinster.

By a document signed 18 Feb 1802 John W. Baylor of Lexington KY, son of George Baylor of Caroline County VA, former Colonel of the Third Regiment of Light Dragoons, conveyed his interest in 500 acres of bounty land to Walker Baylor of Fayette County KY. Robert Baylor, brother of George Baylor, made oath that John W. Baylor was the only son and heir of George Baylor.