

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Bailey R373

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State of Tennessee } On this 18th day of [?]ber A.D. 1851 personally appeared before me
County of Polk } Robert H. McConnell Chairman of the County Court of the County of
Polk and an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Emily Bailey a resident of Polk County in
the State of Tennessee aged eighty six years who being 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 July 7th AD 1838 entitled An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the
widow of William Bailey who was a private in the company of Virginia militia commanded by Capt
Parris that he volunteered in Farquier [sic: Fauquier] County Virginia for eighteen months, that since the
expiration of his term of service all his papers have been burned by which she might be enabled to state
more definitely the facts of his service that she has not nor can she command any documentary evidence
of his service on this account that she knows not the precise time at which he volunteered but that he was
in the service when peace was made or at the time of the cession of hostilities which she is advised was in
November A.D. 1782 That she knows not the Regiment in which he served, nor whether he was ever in
any engagement or not, that she has often heard her husband speak of his services in his life time but by
reason of her extreme old age and consequent loss of memory she cannot detail the facts her memory
being almost entirely lost and that such is her extreme debility that she is not able to go to a court of her
county to make this declaration, that her husband never applied for a pension, because he always had a
good living without this aid. She further declares that she was married to the said William Bailey in the
month of August A.D. 1782 and that she cannot tell on what day of the month, that her husband the
aforesaid William Bailey died on the 22nd day of September A.D. 1848, that she was not married to him
prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen
hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated, that she has not intermarried with any one since the
death of the aforesaid William Bailey but is still a widow, that she knows of no record either public or
private of her marriage but she appends hereto the sworn statement of two of her old neighbors as to her
identity
Emily herXmark Bailey