

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Manoah Bailey R381

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[This is apparently the same person as Noah Bailey, pension application S6556.]

State of North Carolina }

Stokes County } Superior Court of Law Tale[?] June 1824

On this 28 day of October AD1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid – Manoah Baily aged sixty six years who being first sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 18 March 1818 and the first day of May 1820 that he the said Manoah Baily enlisted for the term of Seven years [sic] to the best of his recollection in the fall of the year One Thousand seven hundred and seventy seven in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt John Nicholas in the first regement comanded by Col George Gibson in the line of the State of Virginia continental establishment [sic: see endnote] – that he continued to serve in the said corpse three or four years, when he was transfered to the Company of Captain James Brown in the Regiment comanded by Col John Green – that he continued to serve in said Regement until the year AD 1783 when he was discharged from the said service in the State of South Carolina – that while under the comand of Col Gibson he fought in the Battles of Red Bank ford [Fort Mercer at Red Bank NJ, 22 Oct 1777] – Brandiwyne [sic: Brandywine PA, 11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], that after his transfer to the Regement of Col Green he fought in the Battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] after which he was honourably discharged as aforesaid – that he has no other evidence in his power of his said service except his own Oath –

And in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income save what little labour I can do – and that I am not worth any thing except my wearing apparel That I am a farmer by occupation, but that on account of Age and enfirmity I can do but little towards my support. That he lives at this time mostly on the Charity of an Individual – That he has one son named George Washington aged about Ten years who is too young to contribute any to his support

Manoah herXmark Bailey

State of North Carolina }

Superior Court of Law

Stokes County } October Term 1823

On the 17th day of October A.D. 1823 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Stokes aforesaid, Manoah (sometimes called Noah) Bailey, Aged seventy years or thereabouts, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following Declaration, in Order to obtain the Provision made by the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & the 1st May 1820 – That he the said Manoah or Noah Bailey enlisted for the Term of three years in the Regular Army of the United States in the year 1776 as well as he recollects but being illiterate and old and infirm, he cannot say with certainty; that he enlisted as a soldier in the Service of the United States under Capt. John Nicholas in the County of Cumberland & State of Virginia, and was attached to the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. John Green; that he continued in this Regiment untill Gen’l. Washington’s

Army was stationed at Middlebrook [winter of 1778-1779], when he enlisted during the War, he still being under the Command of Capt. Nicholas. That he was in the Battles at the Red Bank, at Brandywine, Germantown Monmouth; That after the Battle and Camden [16 Aug 1780] he was marched to the South under Col. Green, and joined Gen'l. Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Army before the Battle at Guilford. He was in that Battle, & in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs, where he was wounded. That at the close of the War he was discharged near Charlestown South Carolina, and he hath long since lost his Discharge. That he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and he has no way to prove his services aforesaid, except by his own Oath, without [two illegible words] which he lost which he has no means to discharge and undergoing Fatigue that at his advanced Age, he cannot with safety encounter.

Manoah hisXmark Bailey

[Oath identical to the one in the previous application...]

Schedule of the Property of Manoah or Noah Bailey, Clothing and Necessary Bedding excepted —

Nothing at all

That he the said Manoah or Noah Bailey is by profession Farmer; has only one Child, his Wife is dead. That his Child is a son aged about eleven years. That he himself is almost disabled from Working and has to subsist upon the charity of his Friends, with one [illegible word] he is living

Manoah hisXmark Bailey

State of North Carolina }

Stokes County }

At a court of Pleas and and Quarter Sessions began and held for the County of Stokes aforesaid on the Second Monday of September AD 1826 personally appeared in open Court the same being a court of record for said county Manoah Bailey aged seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his corporal oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 to wit that he enlisted in Cumberland County State of Virginia in the fall of 1776 for the term of three years under Captain John Nichols in the first Va Regiment of Continental Troops in the army commanded by General Mohelenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] that he continued in the northern army and was in the engagements at Red Bank Brandywine Monmouth and Germantown that when Gen'l. Greene took command of the Southern army he was detached under Colonel Greene to the South and continued in the Southern army during the remainder of the war that he was at the battles of Guilford and Eutaw Springs where he was wounded in the left hip with a musket ball and three shot that he was discharged at the conclusion of the war on the Congaree River in writing by Colonel Green but that his discharge has been [illegible word] and worn out so as to be illegible and that now has no other evidence of his services except the annexed affidavit of Isaac Barr

[Oath identical to the one in the 1824 application...] nor have I any income or effects of any kind except one pocket knife worth about fifteen cents nor had I any property on 18th day of March 1818 having merely worked for my support with no other compensation since that time. That I am old and so disabled from age & the wound I have received that my services have been worth but little if any more and that hereafter I can scarcely expect ever on those terms to support myself That I have no occupation but that of a day labourer and no family at all with me I have one son aged about Sixteen[?] years who works abroad for his living. I am now working with one Eli Furgason on the terms above stated in the county of Stokes. That he hereby relinquishes all claim for a pension heretofore That he was ignorant of the provision made for the soldiers of the revolution until within about two years ago when he made an application which was not allowed from some informality (he being illiterate) he does not know what; that since then he never has been able to procure a friend to assist him in drawing his declaration until now having lived before & until lately in a very ignorant neighbourhood Manoah hisXmark Bailey [Isaac Barr deposed that he had often heard Bailey speak credibly about his services.]

NOTE: The regiment in which Bailey enlisted was the 1st Regiment, Virginia State Line, not on Continental Establishment and therefore not covered by the acts of 1818 and 1820.