

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Bayley R384 Nancy Bayley VA Sea Service
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State of Virginia } Ss:
Accomack County }

On this 12th day of April 1855 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the said County Elizabeth Wessels daughter of Robert and Nancy Bayly aged Fifty 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 July 4th 1836. That her mother Nancy Bayly was the widow of Robert Bayly who was a sailor in the Virginia State Navy in the Revolutionary war. She further declares, that it appears by the evidence of Scarborough Bloxom [Scarborough Bloxsom, pension application W5842] a midshipman in the same vessel on board of which her father served as a sailor, that he enlisted as a sailor on board of the armed Vessel Accomack at the commencement of his service, and continued in her until the Vessel was striped and laid up; when he was discharged. She further declares, that on this and other evidence, the state of Virginia allowed her said father Robert Bayly Bounty Land for three years service in the Revolutionary War. She further declares that it appears by the record in the Family Bible that her Mother Nancy Bayly, was married to her father Robert Bayly June the fourteenth 1778 by the Rev. William Richards

And she further declares that it appears by the same record that her father Robert Bayly died in the year Eighteen Hundred & Twenty nine Sepr 4th, and that her mother, Nancy Bayly, died in August Eighteen Hundred & forty six 1846 The time of my mothers death is also proven by the affidavit of William H. Drummond which accompanies this declaration. I further declare she remained his widow until the day of her death.
Elizabeth herXmark Wessels

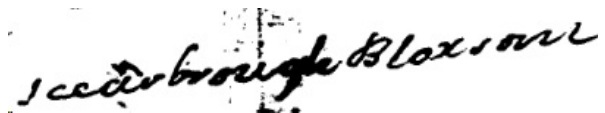
The following is a true extract of the family Record of Robert Bayly and Nancy his wife.
Marriages June the fortenth 14th Seventeen Hundred and Seventy eight 1778 by the Rev. William Richard's Robert Bayly to Nancy Christopher daughter of William Christopher
Deaths Robert Bayly departed this life September the fourth 4th Eighteen hundred and Twenty nine in the seventyeth 70th year of his age. Nancy Bayly wife of Robert Bayly departed this life August the fourteenth 14th Eighteen hundred and forty six in the Eighty fourth year of her age

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed under Bayly, Robert.]

State of Virginia
City of Richmond

The deposition of Scarborough Bloxam aged about seventy seven years, who deposeth and saith that he enlisted on Board the Gally Accomac as a Midshipman before the Gally was Launched and continued in that capacity untill orders were received to dismantle & lay up the Gallys that he was well acquainted with Robert Bayly, George Bloxam, Stephen Bloxam, John Johnson Tire Harman, Stephen Harman and Joshua Purkins also Elcany Andrews [Elkanah Andrews S6507], & William Andrews [X879] and that they all enlisted as sailors on board the Accomac at the commencement of her service and continued in her until they were discharged and the Accomack ordered to be striped & laid up and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to & Subscribed before
me the 8th day of March 1831



[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed under Bailey, Robt.]

I certify that it does not appear from the records of this office, that a Military Land bounty Warrant ever issued to Robert Bayley [illegible signature]
Land office Sept 23 1830

I certify that from the Records of this Office Military Land Bounty warrants issued Viz
No 2298 for 200 acres the 26th Jany 1784 and
No 5325 for 60 acres 17 Sept 1807 both to Southy Bailey [same illegible signature]

This is to certify that Robert Bayly & Southy Bayly [Southy Bailey VAS933] enlisted as sailors (or seamen) in the virginia State navy during the revolutionary war for the term of three years and I do know that they served that length of time in the state navy during the revolutionary war; and after the expiration of the said three years Southy Bayly enlisted in the United States service and contined in service until the end of the war – Robert Bayly after his 3 years enlistment in the state navy expired staid at home with his family – They are now both dead. Given under my hand this 1st of July 1830 –

Zadock hisXmark Bayly [probably Zadock Bayley S37696]

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This day Zadock Bayly appeared before me and made oath that the foregoing is true

Given under my hand this 1st of July 1830

Henry Fletcher jp. A. C

1831 May 26 Rejected

NOTE: An affidavit in the federal file dated 9 May 1856 lists the children of Robert and Nancy Bayly as follows: Elijah, Molly, John, and Betsy. The last of these, Elizabeth Wessels, was the only one then living.