

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

Rev. War Pension Records for Stephen Baley (Bailey) R393

Transcribed and annotated by Leroy Michael, Jr.

Todd Beckham and Joanne Webb are descendants of Stephen Baley (Bailey) through a daughter Malinda and her husband Charles Hackett Webb and their descendants. It appears that in 1833 Stephen Bailey then living in Monroe County, Georgia applied for a pension as a Revolutionary War soldier in the Continental Army that became available under a 1832 Act of Congress. In 2003 Todd Beckham sent Joanne documents pertaining to Stephen Baley's pension application. The content of those documents is reproduced here. Transcribed by Leroy Michael.

“State of Georgia)

County of Monroe) On the thirteenth day of March, 1833, personally appeared in open court, before Christopher B. Strong, judge of the superior court of said county now sitting, Stephen Baley, a resident in Capt. Mc____'s district in said state & county, aged sixty eight years (born, as he believes in the year 1764), who being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his own oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the act of congress, passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the services of the United States, under the following married officers & served as herein stated.

He became a substitute for his elder brother Simon Baley, who had just completed a term of service of three years, when he was drafted in a company commanded by Capt. Grigs, & of which one Barker was lieutenant; and was received into the service by Colonel Picket.

He served, he thinks, under Major Welch of the regulars & believes that he joined the regulars at Malvern [?] Hill. The war in the year in which Cornwallis was taken and before his capture. The applicant entered into service in Fauquier County^ Virg, where he was then living. He marched thr'o Williamsburg to Little York where he remained seven days & nights, every alternate two hours on guard. He was four months in the service but not in any battle. He has no recollection of his own, of the general officers, by whom he was commanded. He was discharged at Little York, & received

a written discharge from Capt. Grigs, ten days before the capture of Cornwallis, which has been destroyed by the burning of his house. He has no record of his age. He resided in Fauquier county, Virg until he removed to Georgia thirty six years ago: since which time he has resided in the counties of Wilkes, Oglethorpe, Jasper and Monroe, in the last mentioned State. He has witnesses near to the court, by whom he can prove his services aforesaid.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present [?] & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

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Sworn to & subscribed:	Stephen X Baley
William P. Henry [?] clk	mark

We, Joseph Chipmann, a clergyman residing in the county of Monroe, State of Georgia, and James [?] Powder, residing in the same, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Stephen Baley who has sworn to & subscribed the foregoing declaration; that we believe him to be about sixty eight years of age; that he is _____ and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, & that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and Subscribed:	Joseph Chipmann
This day and year aforesaid.	James Powder
William P. Henry [?] clk	

And the said court does hereby declare its opinion, after the investigations of this matter & after _____ the interrogatories prepared by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the court further certifies that it appears that Joseph Chipman, who has signed the foregoing certificate, is a clergyman, resident of the said county of Monroe and James Powder who has also signed the certificate [?] is a resident of said county and is a credible person, and that their statements are entitled to credit [?].

Christopher B. Strong
Judge

I, William P. Henry [?], clerk of the Superior court of said county of Monroe, hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings

of the said court in the matter of the application of Stephen Baley for a pension. In testimony [?] whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of March, 1833.

William P. Henry, clk.”

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WAR DEPARTMENT

**Pension Office
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Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim under the Act of June 7, 1832 has been examined and the papers herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist which must be removed before a pension can be allowed. The notes and regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a trace (___ }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them, and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim,

**A STATEMENT, showing the Services of Stephen Baley
Monroe County, Georgia**

Duration of the claimants service	Rank of claimant	Name and Rank of the Field officers under whom served	Age at present & place of abode when entered service	Proof by which declaration is supported
4 months		Capt Grigs Col Picket [?]	___ ? Va	___ ? Evidence

*I am, respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J.L. Edwards,
Commissioner of Pensions*

[Note: The part of the Edwards letter below the line and in bold is a general representation of the so called tabular form. Apparently the inserts below the second line were all intended to illustrate defects in need of correction. Poor illiterate Stephen must have shaken his head when this bureaucratic marvel reached and was read to him].