

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Bailey R8348                      Margaret Porter                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 26 Feb 2017.

South Carolina    }  
Union District    } To wit

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1832 personally came in open court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, now sitting for said Dstict, William Baily a resident in Union District aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passd June 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he enterd the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as here in stated – I enlisted in the service of the United in the last of December 1776 under Captain Qualls [sic: probably James Quarles] in the Second Virginia State Regiment, under command of Col. Miller, of Gen'l. Mulenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade, for the term of three years and continued to serve during the time of my enlistment, and was regularly discharged at Frederickburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] Virginia, by Capt John McEhany [sic: John McElhaney], in the last of December 1779 – I resided in Albamarl [sic: Albemarle County], Virginia when I entered the Service, I was engaged in the Battles at Monmoth [sic: Monmouth NJ, 28 Jun 1778], Stony Point [16 Jul 1779], and the Siege of Little York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] which last Battle was when I was in the militia service. I march from Albermarle to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] thence to the Vally forge on the Scuyllkill [sic: Valley Forge on Schuylkill River] where we joined the main Army – thence to the State of New Jersey where we remaind untill my time expired — I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.    William hisDmark Bailey

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

William Bailey a Soldier in 2<sup>d</sup> Virginia State Regm't having served the time that he inlisted for is herby Discharged Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan'y t Fredricksburg one Thous'd Seven Hundred and Eighty                      John McElhenny [John McElhany (McIlhaney) R16313] Capt  
Comd't 2 V.S.Reg't.

I do Certify that the above    }  
Mentioned William Bailey    }  
was inlisted for three years    }

James Harper [BLWt2148-200 and R14859] Lieut  
(A Copy Auditors office 15<sup>th</sup> October 1783  
[other side]

Sir pleas to Deliver the Bearer my land war't for the within Discharg & oblig sir yr obt svt.  
Colo Thos Merrewether [sic: Thomas Meriwether]                      Wm hisXmark Bailey  
Test/ Robt Allen    17 apr 1784  
rec'd a Cert. for Wm. Bailey Land Warrant.                      [undeciphered signature]

NOTE: On 28 Apr 1858 Margret Bailey of Whitfield County GA, age 51, applied for a pension stating that she married William Bailey in Union District in July 1836, and he died 23 July 1841. On 3 Sep 1858 she submitted another application, this time as Margaret Porter. She stated that in 1843 she married David Porter, “who after living with her some six months at different intervals absconded in 1850 and left her and she has never seen him since and she has been credibly informed that the said Porter married again and died some years since and that she was advised and believed that it was proper for her in her former declaration which is now before the department to apply for her pension in the name of Margaret Bailey.”