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Pension Application of Thomas Bailey S10334

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To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled. The Petition of Thomas Bailey, Senior, of Surry County Virginia, humbly sheweth that on or about the tenth day of February seventeen hundred and seventy six he enlisted under Capt. John Watkins for two years and was attached to the fourth regiment on the Continental Establishment and in the same year was ordered to march to join the northern army and was attached to the Brigade commanded by general [Charles] Scott and remained attached to the said Brigade until the tenth of February seventeen hundred and seventy eight at which time he was honorably discharged. He your petitioner begs leave to remark that during his enlistment he was attached to the American Army at the battles of Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Princeton [3 Jan 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and in the latter part of his time of service he was stationed in Mud Fort or Fort Mifflin [Siege of Fort Mifflin, 10 Oct – 10 Nov 1777], whilst the British Navy was attempting to pass up the Delaware to Philadelphia at which place he received a wound in the upper part of the left arm by a musket ball, as will appear from the certificate of Jesse Moore [pension application S38242] who was in the service at the same time, which said wound was severe and for a considerable time rendered him unable to serve his country and has continued to affect him ever since, in consequence of which and [one or two illegible words] of years, your petitioner is unable to support himself, much less a large family. That heretofore he has been enabled to keep them and himself from serious want by the aid of the small emoluments arising from two appointments which had been bestowed on him by the County Court of Surry Viz: the Inspection of Tobacco and Flour in s'd County, the former of which has long since become dormant and the latter may now be said to yield nothing as scarcely any flour has been manufactured for Inspection for the last eighteen months. Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your honorable body will take his case into your consideration and grant him such aid as may be consistent with law and Equity & the laborous duties which he performed in achieving the liberties and Independence which we now so happily enjoy. The general character of your Petitioner will more fully appear by reference to the accompanying documents and he trusts that he will be found deserving such aid as will assist him in supporting himself and family in his declining years and that he may thereby be enabled with his last breath to exclaim that he never called upon his Country, until imperious necessity compelld him & he then found her grateful. And your Petitioner as in duty bourn will forever pray.

Thomas Bailey Sr

Surry County Virginia

I do hereby Certify that Thomas Bailey A Native of said County Enlisted as a Soldier in Capt. John Watkins'es Company of Volunteers In the 4th Virginia Regiment in the Continental Army, some time in February 1776 for the term of Two years. In the Summer following the Regiment had Orders to march to the North, and the said Bailey went with the Regim and did not Return until the spring following 1778. Before his Return I understood he was Wounded the Report being Confirmed by my seeing the place and Believing him not Capable to bear Arms persuaded him to quit the service and be put on Pension which he positively Refused, and soon as Recovered went in the state service of Militia and Continued to the end of the War.

Given under my Hand this 12th Day Nov'r. 1817.

Jesse King [pension application S5559]

Surry County Va.

I do hereby Certify that Thomas Bailey Sen'r. enlisted as a private in the Continental Army in the Spring of 1776 for two years, under Capt John Watkins, during all which time I have every reason to believe that

he served his Country faithfully, and at the expiration of the two yrs. he returned to his County again, and served two or three towers with me in the Militia and well recollect that he was in the Militia with me at the Capture of Lord Cornwallis at YorkTown in this State in October 1781 – Since that time, by his own honest exertions and Industry, has raised a large Family of Children, and now being far advanced in yrs. and feeling the painfull effects of a Wound which he rec'd while in the Army, am of Opinion that it is reasonable his Country should remunerate him for his past services –

Given under my Hand this 24th day of November 1817

John Bartle

I do hereby Certify that I have examined a wound in the upper part of the left arm of Mr. Thomas Bailey Sr. of the County of Surry and State of Virginia which it appears he received whilst stationed in Mud Fort or Fort Mifflin during the Revolution and have no hesitation in giving it as my opinion that it has rendered his arm almost entirely useless to him Given under my hand this the ninth day of December one thousand eight hundred and seventeen

Charles H Graves

District of Va.

On this 29th day of Sep'r. 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of [blank], personally appears Thomas Bailey aged 59 years resident in Surry Co[unt]y in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" That he the said Thomas Bailey enlisted on the 10th Feb'y. 1776 in the State of Va. in the Company commanded by Captain John Watkins in the 4th Va. Reg't.; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the Service of the United State untill the 10th Feb'y. 1778 when he was discharged from service at Valley Forge State of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battles of Germantown Brandywine Trenton, Prince Town & several skirmishes & was wounded at Mud Island Fort and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

Rich'd E Parker

The Affidavits sent were taken to support an application to congress, which passed (as I understand) the house of Representations by failed in the Senate in consequence of the passage of the Gen'l law [of 1818]

R.E.P.

NOTE: According to the 1835 census of pensioners, Bailey died on 31 Oct 1832.