

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Hezekiah Bayles S16624

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State of Alabama }

Madison County SS }

On this 15th day of November 1832 personally appeared before me Sam'l. Chapman Judge of the county court Hezekiah Bayles a resident of said county and state aged seventy five 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 passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the year 1776 I live in the county of Loudon [sic: Loudoun] & state of Virginia and commenced the service under Major Levin Powell Capt. James Coliman [James Coleman] Lieutenant Robert Fryer & Ensign William Buckannon as a volunteer we went to the town of Alexandria and were engaged in erecting batteries breast works &c for the purpose of defending the town The time I commenced the service or left it I do not recollect. I only remember that it was sometime in the summer I started & in the fall of that year I returned home. In the year 1777 I think in the month of September I again entered the service under Colonel James Coleman who had been my former captain & promoted to the rank of Colo. Captain Richard Spurr, Lieutenant George Kilgore and the ensign I think was James Whaley – we rendezvoused at Leesburg and marched through the town of Lancaster state of Pennsylvania to Washintons [sic: Washington's] camp near Germantown where I remained until discharged and returned home a short time before Christmas of that year I received a discharge but it has been long lost or mislaid – In the year 1778 I moved in Loudon county & in 1779 I moved to Washington county North Carolina now Washington County East Tennessee and in the month of August 1781 I again entered the service under Colo John Sevier Major Jonathan Tipton [pension application R10618] Captain Samuel Williams and I think James Stinson was Lieutenant the ensign I have entirely forgotten – we marched thro N. Carolina to the High hills of Santee at which place Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was resting his men shortly after the battle at Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] – passed on to the Santee Swamps where we remained some time – we were occasionally with Gen'l. [Francis] Marion's army – we had no engagement tho this was a very severe campaign – suffering many privations for want of provisions he was in service in this campaign more than three months – he knows he was in service in the whole more that six months – he received discharge for this service but it has also been lost – he does not know of any person by whom he can prove his services tho there some who were living a few years ago but it is now unknown to him whether alive or where they live –

I was born in the state of New Jersey as my father has always told me on the 16th day of April 1757 – I have a record of my age taken down by myself from the record of my fathers – that taken down by me is now in my possession – the original I expect if it is not destroyed is amongst the family record of an elder brother in East Tennessee who died years ago –

I first entered the service as a volunteer – the second time I went as a substitute but for whom I have now no recollection – the third time as was drafted –

The names of the officers with whom I was in the service and the general circumstances I have stated much in detail as is in my power many incidents have doubtless been forgotten –

I received a discharge every time I left the service they were signed by my captain but they have been long lost – I have moved frequently & never considered them of any value or worth preserving I lived in Loudon County when first called into service in 1776 in 1777 I moved to what is now Washington county East Tennessee & lived there untill 1787 when I moved to what is now Knox county East Tennessee it was then a part of Hawkins county – I lived there untill 1808 when I moved to the place where I now live and have ever since – Madison county state of Alabama when I moved it was

Mississippi Territory

Benjamin Franks – Stephen Griffith – Sam'l. Chapman and I believe I can safely refer to any man to whom I am known [to testify to his veracity and reputation as a soldier of the Revolution]

He has no documentary evidence of his services – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory

[signed] Hezekiah Bayles