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Pension Application of Joseph Baley S17833 PA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 24 Jan 2015.

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications in present West Virginia, often with the assistance of Nathan Goff. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote "Fraud" on this report.]

Joseph Baley. draws \$20.

on the 12<sup>th</sup> July [1834] Jos. Baley gave the following narrative of his age and services as a soldier in the War of the Revolution – he was born in 1761. in the year 1777 was drafted in Bedford County Pen. for two months and marched under Capt Fisher. Lieut. James Henderson Rendezvous at Parkersburg with other companies under Col. Piper – from there they went on to Princeton N. Jersey. he at that place took the small pox and there his term expired. did not go home until June 1777. was drafted the 10<sup>th</sup> of January previous, took the small pox two or three days before his two months expired – got his discharge [one or two illegible words] when his time was out. it was signed by his captain.

Made the same statement to Col. Jos. Johnson & Jacob Copelan [sic: Joseph Johnson and Jacob Coplin] he now makes – they told him he was entitled to a pension and wrote his declaration – Swore to his declaration in court and thought then he was swearing to the statement now given. only heard part of his declaration read – gave them \$10–

the above was taken down by Nathan Goff in the presence of the undersigned. read to Baley and acknowledged by him to be correct

A Copy

Gustavus Harrison

W. G Singleton

[The following on the same paper is in different handwriting.]

The Original papers in this case sent to W G. Singleton, U.S. Dist Atty, Va Aug 9, 1834 No copies taken for want of time.]

[On 24 March 1833 a certificate was sent J. J. Allen for a pension of \$20 per year for six months service by Joseph Baley of Harrison County (West) Virginia.]

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Dept of War/ Pension Office/ Mch. 10, 1835

Nathan Goff Esq.

Clarksburg, West Virginia [sic]

Sir: You will be pleased to notify the following named persons who have been placed upon the pension roll of the Agency of Virginia, residing in Harrison Co., that upon mature examination of their respective claims, their names have been by order of the Department stricken from the rolls, as not entitled to a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, to wit.

Joseph Baley etc, etc.

NOTE: A letter from Nathan Goff to Singleton dated 24 Feb 1835 states that Joseph Baley was one of dozens who was to have been sued until the papers were destroyed by fire, as related in my appendix to the David W. Sleeth S6111. Baley was apparently dropped and was to be prosecuted because enlisted for only two months, but claimed the additional four months while in the hospital for small pox contracted while in the service. It was the usual practice under the act of 1832 to include time in the hospital as active service.