

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

Pension Application of Elijah Bayles S1940

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State of Tennessee } On this 22nd day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court,
Sumner County } before the Justices of the County Court of Sumner, now sitting, Elijah Bayles, a
resident of said County & State, aged about 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
passed June 7th 1832 – That he some time early in the war in the month of September, year not now
recollected, volunteered in Prince William County Virginia, under Capt [William] Brent for a Tour of three
months marched on through Maryland and joined Genl Washington’s army were we remained until his
time expired & was regularly discharged. Some time after applicant volunteered on two occasions, and
marched twice down on the Potomac not far from the coast. The time he served he does not now recollect.
After this deponent went to North Carolina with his uncle – remained a short time – then substituted for
three months in a company that was drafted recollects no officers except Genl [Richard] Caswell – took
up march for South Carolina – Crossed Tar river – went by Camden (the place where Gates was defeated
[on 16 Aug 1780]), upon our return passed through a little town called Cross Creek [now Fayetteville NC]
on Cape Fear – Continued the march – struck the Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] river then went down the river
untill we came to the Cheraw hills [in SC] – there camped [probably in Jan 1781]. Applicant was
discharged after his term of service (three months) expired. His discharge his been lost. The above is all
the service performed by applicant during the revolution. He served after the Revolution in a tour against
the Indians under Genl Harmer. He knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services.
Applicant was born in Stafford County Virginia 1760 – his father after his birth moved to Prince William
where he lived when he entered the service – Applicant lived in Prince William some time after the
Revolution – then moved to Henry County – After living there some time he moved to Sumner County
Tennessee where he has been living more than thirty years.

He has no Documentary evidence by which he can establish his claim. He hereby relinquishes every claim
whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declairs that his name is not on the Pension Roll
of the agency of any state.

[signed] Elijah Bayles

[Certified by Rev. Nathaniel Parker and Baley Bayles.]

NOTE: A document in the file states that Bayles died on 3 Mar 1843.