

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Bailey S32101

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State of Indiana, Sullivan County

On this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1833 personally appeared before me Joseph Wilson one of the Associate Judges of said County Alexander Bailey a resident of Gill Township in the County of Sullivan & State of Indiana, aged eighty 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he volunteered in the service of the United States in the year 1776 to the best of his recollection with Captain David Caldwell under Colonel Alexander Martin in Rowan County North Carolina being attached to General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] division and served six weeks, then was remanded home and after being at home a few months he enlisted under Captain David Caldwell for three months in Rowan County North Carolina, thence he was marched to Cross Creek a distance of near two hundred miles. He was thence marched home & then marched against the Cherokee Indians his term of service having expired sometime before.

In the year 1780 the Applicant again volunteered in Burke County North Carolina under Colonel Charles McDowell & Captain Thomas Kennedy & thence was marched to Lincoln County N. C. He was in the battle at Ramsour's mills on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1780. On returning home they reconnoitered the County till the Tories drove them over the Mountains on to the Watauga [River], where they recruited[.] [Their] term of service [was] three months. He was thence marched under Colonel Campbell to the battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] thence he returned home [--] term of service 16 days. In the spring of 1782 he again volunteered under Colonel Joseph McDowell & Captain Thomas Kennedy in Burke County North Carolina thence was marched to Rowan County on the South Yadkin River thence was again remanded home after a Tour of twenty days, making in all eight months & eighteen days. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Alexander Bailey, X his mark

[John Davis, a clergyman, and John S Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded by the Associate Judge Joseph Wilson.

1. Where & in what year were you born? In Ireland A. D. 1751.
2. Have you any record of your age? I have in my Bible.

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live? I was living in Rowan County North Carolina when called into service. I have lived since the revolutionary war, part of the time in North Carolina, part in Kentucky, & the remainder in Indiana in which State I now reside.

4. How were you called into service? I was a volunteer invariably.

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served. Alexander Martin, John Davidson, General Campbell [William Campbell] & General Rutherford. The Militia Regiments I do not recollect. I was where we killed Indians in the Cherokee nation. I was at the battle [of] Ramsour's Mills. I was at the battle of King's Mountain and I was with those that were driven over the mountains by the Tories on the Watauga, where we recruited.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge? I do not remember that I did.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution. Jonathan Webb, John Bond, Henry Merry, Dr. John W. Davis & Consider Mitchell also James McCutchen.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Alexander Bailey, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.65 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for services as a private for 8 months and 18 days in the North Carolina militia.]