

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Baily (Bailey) S41420

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State of North Carolina, Rowan County

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held for the County of Rowan at the Court House in Salisbury on the Third Monday in May A.D. 1819, and on the 43rd year of our Independence the following record was made, to wit:

This day personally appeared in Open Court Stephen Baily a resident of Rowan County, State of North Carolina, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration to obtain the provision of a late act of Congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States during the Revolutionary war. That in the year 1781 he enlisted for twelve months in the Service of the United States under Captain Donoho [Thomas Donoho] in the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina line; That he served the Campaign in South Carolina under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]; that during the whole of the term of his enlistment he was in the Service of his Country, and that at the expiration of his time of Service he was honorably discharged: -- That his own oath is the only evidence he now has in his power of his Said Services except the testimony of William Lomax; that he is old and infirm and in such reduced circumstances as to be the assistance of his Country for support: William Lomax¹ being duly sworn, maketh oath that he is well acquainted with Stephen Baily, and that he well remembers him as a common Soldier in the second Regiment of North Carolina line as a twelve months man. That he is in such reduced circumstances as to need the assistance of his Country for support: now it appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that Stephen Baily did serve in the Revolutionary war of the United States against the common enemy for a longer term than nine months; and that he is in such reduced circumstances as to stand in need of the assistance of his Country for support; it is therefore ordered that the foregoing be made a matter of record, and that the Clerk Certify and transmit the same to the Honorable the Secretary of War.

State of North Carolina, Rowan County.

I John Giles Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Rowan County do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy taken from the minutes of the Court aforesaid:

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at office in Salisbury this 25th day of June A.D. 1819.

S/ Jno. Giles

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 20th September 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster roll of the Continental Line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that Stephen Bailey

¹ [William Lomax W5028](#)

a private in Captain Donoho's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 14th of June 1781 for twelve months and that he left the service the 14th June 1782.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the date above
S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, Montgomery County

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Montgomery at the Court House in Lawrenceville on the first Monday in July A.D. 1827, and in the 51st year of our Independence the following record was made, to wit:

State of North Carolina, Montgomery County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Sessions 1827

On this third day of July A.D. 1827, personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the County of Montgomery and State aforesaid – who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that in the year 1781 he enlisted for 12 months in the Service of the United States under Captain Donoha [Donoho] in the Second Regiment of the North Carolina line, that he served the Campaign under General Greene, that during the whole of his term of enlistment he was in the Service of his Country, and that at the Expiration of his time of Service, he was honorably discharged – all of which will more fully appear in his original Declaration, made in Rowan County Court on the 22nd day of May 1819 on which a Pension Certificate issued the 6th November 1819, Number 15740 and I the said Stephen Baily do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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” passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me – any property or Securities, Contracts, or Debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is Contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed, to wit:

13 head of Hogs value	\$18
1 Old Blend mare & colt	25
1 cow and calf	10
1 cow	8
5 Head of Sheep	5
1 Bed	12
1 old plough	.75
2 old Hoes	.60
1 Drawing knife	.50
1 ox [could be ax]	1
1 Rifle Barrel	1.25
1 shot Gun	2.50
Some small articles of Kitchen furniture	<u>6.00</u>
Total	\$90.60

and the said Stephen Baily doth further make oath that the members of his family are as follows, his wife aged fifty-eight years one son named Elkins aged about 19 years of age – 1 Daughter named Charlotte aged about 29 years one other Daughter aged about 21 years – that this declarant is by profession a farmer that from infirmity he is entirely unable to pursue it, for the purpose of obtaining a Subsistence, that he has an internal complaint, which disables him and I the said Stephen Baily do further maketh oath That at August Sessions 1821 of Rowan County Court of pleas and quarter Sessions he filed a Schedule of his property of which the following is a true and faithful copy, to wit:

7 Head of Cattle worth \$31

2 Head of Sheep	1.50
4 Do of Hogs	2
1 mare worth	15
300 acres of Land, the title of which is in him, but owes every Cent for it yet value	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$149.50

that this Schedule was filed as soon as he was informed that it was necessary – that Some time after he removed from Rowan County to this County – and never hearing anything about his application, he gave up in despair – that he was ignorant and friendless, he had no one to entrust himself in favor of this Affiant, that he had settled in the County of Montgomery he was induced by his neighbors to make another attempt, that the only cause of his delay in making an earlier application was the opinion that he was to get nothing having never heard the fate of his former applications and this Affiant further Swears that at the time he filed his declaration in August 1821, he was ignorant that a Certificate had issued in his favor under the act of 1818, that a Knowledge of this fact came to him in 1826 by an accidental meeting with the Clerk of Rowan County, who informed him that he had the Certificate – and the said Stephen Baily further Swears that the Land contained in his schedule of 1821 has been surrendered. That the deed for the Same was never recorded that finding himself unable to pay for the Land, that he Surrendered the Deed and gave up the Land, that the only change that has been made in his property, was that which his necessities required.

S/ Stephen Baily, X his mark

[The file also contains a printed form application dated July 3, 1825, from Montgomery County in which Stephen Bailey states that he is 64 years old and that he served under Captain Thomas Donoho in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dickson [Henry Dixon], that he enlisted on June 14, 1781 and was discharged on June 14, 1782 in Camden South Carolina. Bailey signs this certificate as follows: S/ Stephen Bailey, X his mark]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 25, 1819, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina Continental line.]