

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William C. Baily S44342

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On this 13th day of November 1820 personally appeared in open court (being the court of common Pleas of Miami County [OH] and a court of record) William C Baily aged sixty six years who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said William C Baily enlisted for the Term of three years in the State of Virginia in the (now City of Alexandria on the 4th day of February 1777 in a company then commanded by Captain John Allison in a Regt commanded by Col'n George Gipson [sic: George Gibson] in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment that he continued to serve in that Company until he was transfered to Capt Wm Baines [William Baine's] Company from which he was transfered to Capt Holts [John Hunter Holt's] Company which was shortly afterward commanded by Capt. Charles Uell [sic: Charles Ewell] in which several Companies and in said Regiment he continued to serve until the end of the three years for which he enlisted as afs'd when he was discharged from said service in Alexandria aforesaid and afterward on the 2nd day of May 1780 he again enlisted at Alexandria aforesaid for the further Term of three years in a company commanded by Capt Shields [possibly John Shields] in a detachment which at the time and place had no Regimental Commandant but was for some time under the command of Col' Thos Posey [Thomas Posey] until he was finally discharged at the quarter house near Charlestown South carolina and during the whole of that time he served in the virginia line on the continental establishment and at the time of his last discharge Maj'r Sam'l. Findly [sic: Samuel Finley, pension application W10026] was second in command under Col'n Posey and for about one year and two months declarant had the rank of corporal that he was at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], at the Storming of Stoney point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779], at the Siege of Yorktown in Virginia [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and at a battle in Georgia on the Ogeechee under the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne, Skirmish at Ebenezer, 22 Jun 1782]. That he has lost both his discharges and has no other evidence now in his possession or in his power of his services except the certificate of Sam'l Finley above named late a Maj'r in the Virginia line, and he knows of no other person living who has any knowledge of his services Declarant further says that on the 2nd day of May 1792 he enlisted at Frederick Town Maryland for the purpose of going to the Western Country that he shortly after proceeded to Pittsburg where he joined the Grand Army under General Wayne and he continued with said Army for sixteen years by successive enlistments and was in all the principal battles with the indians until the peace and during the whole time served as a none commissioned officer until his discharge on the 2nd day of July 1808 in the fifty fifth year of his age and in consequence of his age and infirmities and was on the day last aforesaid honourably discharged at Fort Wayne by Capt Nathaniel Heald and he has the last mentioned discharge now in his possession

And in persuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I 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 person 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

one Mare & Colt	\$45 00
one Cow & Calf	12 00
one yearling heiffer	4 00

one Sow & six pigs	3 00
one Small Kettle	2 50
one Spinning Wheel	2 00
one Small Garden hoe	<u>50</u>
	\$69 00

except one bed and bedding and wearing apparel of myself and wife That he this declarant has no occupation and if he had he should not be able to follow it from his infirmities that he is of the age herein before mentioned is nearly blind and quite inform in other respects and able to do but very little labour at any time that his wife Ann lives with him and is of the age of fifty nine years as he verily believes that she is decreped and unable to walk nor is she able to perform any labour except knitting some little serving and occasionally a little spinning and that her infirmity was occasioned by a fall from a horse about four years ago by which her thigh was broken from which she never has nor is likely to recover that for more than three years he and his said wife have resided with a son in law who is in low circumstances and that they are both dependant upon him for their support and that the value of all their property which he has does not exceed sixty nine dollars as the same is herein before stated

Wm hisXmark Baily

Chillicothe October 2^d 1820

I do certify that the bearer William C. Baylie served, during the revolutionary war first in Capt. Thos. Martins Company of Infantry, until the said Company was reduced, when he was attached to Capt. Clough Shelton's Company; which companies composed part of a Detachment of the Virg'a. Line, command by Lieut Colonel Thomas Posey. That he faithfully served as a private until the attack made by the Indians, on our army in the State of Georgia; when, for his good behaviour he was made Corporal; and that he held that post until the time of his discharge, which took place at the Quarter House, near [5 to 6 mi from] Charleston So. Carolina.

*W. C. Baylie is in very reduced circumstances, and unable to support himself; and his wife, owing to a fall from her horse, by which she broke her thigh bone, is become an additional burthen to him: perhaps no soldier of the revolution merits the bounty of Congress more than he does

Sam Finley late Maj'r. of that Detach't.

*I do not cerify the latter, though I believe it to be as stated from the report made to me by Capt. Johnson Indian Agent at Piqua (Ohio) and from Baylie's own statement. N.B. He was a Soldier for three years.

S. L.

Piqua, Ohio June 23, 1836

Sir. I am requested by Mrs Gate's the widowed daughter of Serjeant William Baily a U.S. Pensioner on the rolls of Ohio, to make application to the Government for an encrease of his pension on the following grounds

Baily is almost totally blind, paryletic, incapable of speech and confined to his bed for several years now past. the present allowance of \$96 p. ann. being entirely inadequate to his proper care and support, his daughter is in low circumstances, and has the charge of a large and helpless family of children.

I have known Baily for forty three years since 1793 when Gen'l. Waynes Army was cantoned at "Hobsons Choice" near Cincinnati. he was in all the campaigns of Harmar, Saint Clair and Wayne, and was discharged from the service or refused reenlistment by reason of age and infirmity in the year 1811 at Fort Wayne. He was the most faithful, indefatigable and laborious non commissioned officer I ever knew, always selected for difficult and distant commands, the command of boats, guarding money stores, &c. his integrity was never called in question, nor was he ever court martialed or reduced to the ranks at Fort Wayne my station as agent of Indian Affairs. he was successively belonging to the commands of Col's Hunt and Hamtramck, Majors Whistler, Pasteur and Pike, Capts. Whipple, Heald, Rhea &c. and I think

enjoyed in a high degree the favour and confidence of them all

The present situation of Baily pleads loudly for additional allowance, he must suffer without further aid is afforded, or go as a pauper on the Town in which he resides. His coming years must necessarily be very few, and as no case can present stronger claims, I beg most earnestly and respectfully in behalf of this aged veteran, that such addition be made to his present pension as will justify the employment and subsisting a person to take care of him; this would require about \$80 p ann. or \$176 for the entire pension

Doctor Coleman the oldest practioner of Medicine in the County of Miami, and man of the most respectable standing, has certified to the disability of the applicant. the paper is enclosed. and early reply is respectfully requested

The Honble Lewis Cass Sec'y. of War.

I have the honor to remain with very great respect

Sir, yr. mo. ob. st.

John Johnston

NOTE: A document in the file states that Baily died on 2 Sep 1837.