

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Bailey SC288 AA18
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 228B

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To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, The Petition of John Bailey of Chester District
Humbly Sheweth

That he first entered the Revolutionary Service of his Country by turning out a volunteer under Captain John Nixson [John Nixon] in the Snowy Campaign² (as commonly called) against the Indians & Tories in the year 1775. And was at the attack on the Enemy where so many of them was taken on Reedy River. And continued until the end of the Campaign, when the Enemy was effectually subdued. And caught a Cold from the extreme badness of the weather, the effects of which he has never got clear of to this day.

The next, he turned out in Captain Andrew Hemphill's Company under Colonel Joseph Brown when the British was expected to invade Charleston in the winter following: & was marched to the Quarter House & lay there some time, but was taken sick with the flux & had to be hauled home in a Wagon before the Campaign was over. –

The next was at the Augusta Campaign under Captain Nixon Colonel Winn's Regiment & continued until the Campaign was over, & discharged – The next he was called on a tour to Charleston; but his family being sick could not go himself but hired a substitute, & gave him a good Horse & a Guinea to serve in his place which was faithfully fulfilled. That he was a true friend to the American cause during the time the Enemy invaded the backcountry But did not happen to be in any of the material engagements of that day. That he turned out under Lieutenant Colonel McGriff [Patrick McGriff] to collect & carry provisions to General Gates [Horatio gates] Army & was across the Wateree River with the Wagons when they heard of the defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], & had to return back.

The next was at the taking of the Congaree Fort [Fort Granby, February 19-21, 1781] Captain Samuel Adams Colonel Lacey's [Edward Lacey's] Regiment. Was on the fatigue party & labored all the night before the Fort was taken, in making the entrenchments & raising the platforms for the Cannon to play on against the Fort.

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

The next was the campaign down the Country under General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] & the same Officers. Was at Skirmish & taking of Biggin Church near Moncks Corner, & the pursuit of the Enemy from that place. Then was marched near Santee River & continued until the Troops was discharged & returned home. Which was the last time he was called on, it being near the close of the war. So that he was in the volunteer & Militia Service from the beginning to the end of the War whenever called upon.

That he is now in his seventy-seventh year of his age, & very frail & infirm & unable to labor for a support. And is in pretty reduced circumstances, having no Slaves; or any one to help him work, but one son & 3 daughters; that is all of age & can leave him at any time they please to provide for themselves. In which instance, it would be impossible for him to make provision for himself. And although possessed of a middling plantation would be entirely unable to occupy it.

He therefore prays as he has been a true & faithful friend & servant to his Country in the worst of times, that he may be placed on the Pension List of the State, with others of his old fellow soldiers that served their Country in the same manner. That he may be enabled to have some assistance to support his few remaining days that may be allowed him when other sources fail. As it cannot be long that he can be burdensome to either friends or Country. And your Petitioner as in duty bound, will ever pray.

November 24th, 1827

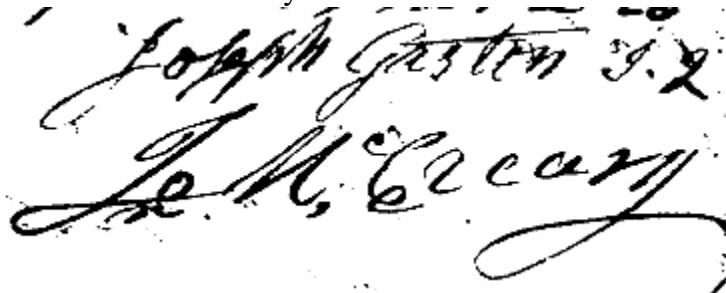
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South Carolina Chester District John Bailey appeared & made oath that the foregoing Petition contains a Just & true statement according to the best of his knowledge & memory of his Services in the Revolutionary War; with other instances that might have been mentioned. Sworn to & subscribed this day of November 1827 before me

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do hereby certify that we were well acquainted with the Petitioner John Bailey during & since the Revolutionary War. That he was a true & faithful friend & soldier to his country. Some of us having served with him in the same Tours. That he is a man of excellent moral character & we believe would rather be under, than over rate his services. And from his old age & great infirmity & circumstances in life, strongly recommend that the prayer of his petition be granted which would enable him to hire some person to work is plantation for a support to him &c

S/ Joseph Gaston,³ J. Q.

S/ Je. McCreary

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Joseph Gaston J. Q." and the bottom signature reads "Je. McCreary". Both signatures are written in a fluid, historical style.

South Carolina Chester district

³ [Joseph Gaston W23089](#)

Personally came John McDill Before me & being duly sworn saith that he knew John Balie [sic] in the Revolutionary War and knew him to be a true friend to his Country that the Deponent was with him at the Augusta [indecipherable word] under John Nixon & Colonel John Winn then to Stono [June 20, 1779], the next was at the taking of Granby Fort then was with him at the time of the Burning of Biggin Church and Down at the Battle near Haddrell's Point where he did do his Duty [indecipherable word or words] and acted as a friend to his country.

S/ John McDill⁴



Sworn and subscribed before me

26 day of November 1827

S/ James Harbison, J Q

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Personally came James Harbison Senior before me and being duly sworn saith that he was acquainted with John Balie [sic] since he the Deponent was six years old and still lived in two or three miles of him During the Revolutionary War and knows that he was a true friend to his Country that he was amongst the first to turn out to the Army when called upon that the Deponent was with him in the Augusta Camps under General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] at the taking of Fridays Fort then at the Biggin Church and is now become so frail as not to be able to make a living by hard labor and has no slaves.

Sworn before me this 26 day of November 1827

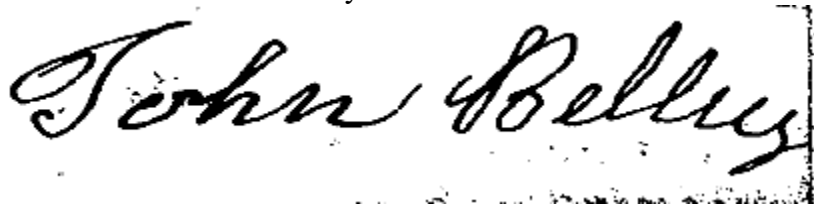
S/ John Moffett, JP

S/ James Harbison Senior⁵



The petitioner has a tract of land which he gave five hundred dollars for in good terms for Money two old horses a small stock of cattle and a few young hogs and a few kitchen utensils is all he is possessed of at present the petitioner likewise says on oath that he owes about two hundred dollars at this time. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of November 1827

S/ John Belley



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Mr. John Brown came personally before me the subscribing Justice and made oath in due form that he was well acquainted with the petitioner John Bailey during the time of the revolutionary

⁴ [John McDill S21879](#)

⁵ [John McDill S21879](#)

war and with him in the Snowy Camp and at the Quarter House and is perfectly satisfied that he was a true friend to the cause of America and at this time knows him to be in rather indigent Circumstances

Sworn and subscribed this 17th day of October 1827

S/ William Anderson, JQ

S/ John Brown,⁶ X his mark

[p 8: Report of the Committee on pension granting the petition Dec. 14, 1830.]

[p 12: affidavit signed by Robert Jamieson, executor of the estate of John Bailey indicating that the veteran died February 25, 1836 in Chester County South Carolina.]

⁶ [John Brown S17848](#)