

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Bailey ¹ W18562

Penelope Bailey

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State of North Carolina Granville County

On this 22nd day of July 1844 Personally appeared before Thomas Y Cooke a Justice of the peace Penelope Bailey resident of the County of Granville and State above written aged eighty-seven (87) years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress in such cases made and provided, doth declare that she is the widow of the late John Bailey deceased who enlisted private in the revolutionary war in the month of January 1782 for during the war under Captain Doherty [probably George Dougherty] who was commanded by Colonel Shepherd of the 10th Regiment North Carolina line to the best of her recollection and that she was married to her deceased husband John Bailey in the year 1778, that her said husband John Bailey died on the 20th day of November 1840 and was 100 years old at the time of his death and she further declares that her maiden name was Penelope Joplin² and that she was married in the County of Wake and State aforesaid and has lived in said State in the County of Granville ever since her marriage, and she further declares that her said husband John Bailey enlisted for during the war and served until the final end of the war, and she says further that she is advised to ask in this declaration for the gratuity pay such as is allowed in such cases, and that she is further informed that her case is one that entitles her to 100 acres of land from the general government all of which she respectfully wishes to be allowed her or the value thereof. And she further states that she will submit to such other evidence taken in connection with her own as she is advised will entitle her to the benefit asked for in this declaration, and the reason why she has not claimed a pension heretofore is because she did not know she was entitled to a claim until some months previous to this time.

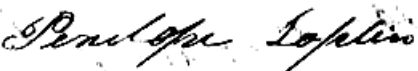
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

She hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present.

S/ Penelope Bailey, X her mark

[p 16: On July 22, 1844 in gravel County North Carolina, the widow made oath that she had 2 children before her husband entered the service, one of whom got scalded and died while her

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, daughter of Robert Joplin

husband John Bailey was in the service of the revolution; that she had after that time 9 other children by said John Bailey to wit Polly and Clarissa she had before John Bailey entered the service, Clarissa was the one that was scalded and died; she names all of her children, to wit:
Polly was born February 1780
Clarissa was born 1781
Robert was born October 20th day 1782
Betsey was born 1784
William was born November 19 1788
Glafry was born December the 6 1790
Peleg was born July the 15th 1792
Jeremiah was born January 13th 1795
Matty was born 1796
John was born 1797
Penelope was born 1799]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that John Bailey a private Soldier in Captain Doherty's Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service on the __ day of __ 17__ for the term of the War and that he was mustered in January 1782.

Given under my hand this 31st day of July 1844
S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that it appears from a book of Settlements and allowances made to Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that John Bailey a private Soldier of said line was allowed under the head of payments in 1783, to noncommissioned Officers and privates enlisted for the war, the sum of \$43.30 and under the same head, as gratuity, the sum of \$80. And I do further certify that the name of John Bailey does not appear but once on the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of October 1844
S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina Wake County: January 11th 1845

This day personally appeared before me John Wilkins an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Wake and State aforesaid Samuel Chapel³ a resident of the County of Granville after being duly sworn according to law saith that he is now ninety-one years old, that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he was well acquainted with John Bailey the husband of Penelope Bailey who is now making application for a pension that her maiden name was Penelope Joplin, that he the said Chapel was acquainted with said John Bailey before and after

³ [Samuel Chappell \(Chapel\) W6671](#)

the war up to the time of his death. [Indecipherable word] he (Chapel) further declares that he has conversed with him Bailey about their hardships in the Army and many other circumstances that took place while in the Army. Question: was you with said John Bailey in the Army or did you only see him in the Army [?]

Answer; I did not serve with him, but I saw him just before the Guilford Battle was fought this I recollect very well. And I further recollect that I heard him Bailey say that he was commanded by Colonel Shepherd and also heard him say his Captain was named Doherty and I have heard him tell the names of his other officers but do not recollect their names now.

Question do you know what Regiment John Bailey served in? Answer I think it was the 10th. I know it was in the latter part of the war when I saw him in service.

Question: do you know when they were married [?]

Answer. I do not but I know said John Bailey passed as a married man before he entered the service and I know his wife had some children before the war ended.

S/ Samuel Chapel, X his mark

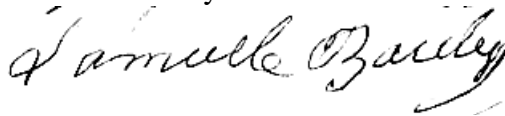
Sworn to and subscribed this 11th day of January 1845

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State of North Carolina Wake County

This day Samuel Bailey aged 82 years who came before me an acting Justice of the peace for said County and State aforesaid who first being duly sworn according to law saith that he was well acquainted with John Bailey Deceased before he was married to Penelope Joplin the daughter of Robert Joplin, which marriage took place before or in the time of the Revolution. He further declareth that the said John Bailey did serve in the 10th Regiment in the regular Continental line in the revolutionary war. Question the 1st How do you know John Bailey served as you have stated [?] Answer said John Bailey & wife Penelope did send letters to her husband John Bailey and they were directed to the 10th Regiment under Colonel Shepherd's command Captain Doherty's Company. Question the 2nd do you know any other circumstance that makes you know said John Bailey served as you have stated [?] Answer. I know that letters were sent by said John Bailey's friends to him, and they were directed to the 10th Regiment under Colonel Shepherd. That when said John Bailey entered the service he was living in less than 1 mile of my residence, that he returned home to the same place, and died there in the year 1840 leaving a widow Penelope, who died in the year 1846, March the 6th leaving by will for a heirs (to wit) Robert Bailey, William Y Bailey, Peleg Bailey and Glafrey, who married William Bailey, who are the only lawful heirs that are living. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of June 1850.

S/ Samuel Bailey



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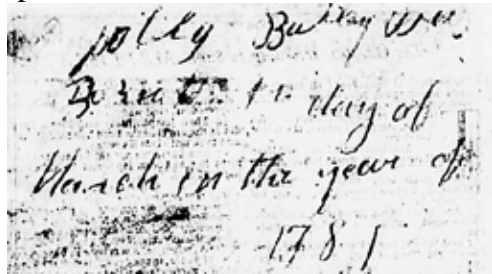
State of North Carolina Wake County

On this 22 day of July 1850 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County Peleg Bailey aged fifty-seven years who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is the son of John Bailey a Soldier of the revolutionary war, and of Penelope Bailey his widow – who has applied for a pension – that during his mother's lifetime she was unable to find any record of her marriage with his father the said John Bailey, nor could she or any of the family find any record of the children ages. Since that time and recently they

have found an old Testament which had the ages of one or two of the children recorded, especially the age of Polly Bailey one of the oldest children that was raised and who was born in 1781. This deponent further states that the leaf hereunto appended was taken from an old family Testament (or Bible) which has been mislaid for a long time and only recently found, and that the record therein stated of the age of Polly Bailey, he believes states truly the age of said Polly who was one of the oldest children of said John & Penelope Bailey.

Signed Peleg Bailey, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Wake County

We William Bailey, Robert Bailey, Peleg Bailey, and Glafy Bailey [Glaffrey Bailey] heirs at law of John Bailey do upon oath declare & testify to the best of my knowledge and belief that John Bailey our father did entered the service of the United States in the Continental Line as a volunteer in 1781 and served as a private in the Regiment No. 10 under command of Colonel Shepherd of the Continental Line of North Carolina and did continue in the service aforesaid until the close of the Revolutionary War.

We further declare we have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to John Bailey on the part of the United States; nor do we believe that he ever received it or transferred his claim in any manner whatsoever – Therefore

Know all men by these presents that we William Bailey, Robert Bailey, Peleg Bailey, and Glafy Bailey aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint George C Ames Esquire to be our true and lawful attorney for us and in our names to demand and receive from the Secretary of the Interior of the United States a warrant for the quantity of land due us as aforesaid; and our attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes, or attorneys, under him for the special purposes above expressed.

Witness our hands and seals this 26 day of September 1851

A photograph of the handwritten signatures of the four deponents: William Bailey, Robert Bailey, Peleg Bailey, and Glafy Bailey. Each signature is followed by the word "marks" written in a smaller, less legible hand.

[Veteran's widow was permitted a pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1826 and ending March 20th, 1840 4 her husband's service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line. The widow was permitted in her own right a pension of \$66 and 66 since per annum commencing March 20th, 1840 and ending when she died March 6, 1846.]