

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Bailey W5778

Nancy Bailey VA

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Fauquier County State of Virginia.

On this 24th day of January 1827 William Bailey personally appeared in open Court and before the County Court of Fauquier, keeping a record of its proceedings, possessing Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount the power of fine and imprisonment, and invested with unlimited common law and chancery power aged seventy four 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 Bailey in the year 1776 he enlisted for the term of three years in a company of Infantry commanded by Lieutenant Simon Morgan [pension application W8475] by whom he was enlisted, and Captain Robert Bell [sic: Robert Beall], that he joined the company at Fort Pitt it being attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Cranford that some time in the summer of 1777 his company with others marched from Fort Pitt that he joined the main army a few days before the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] that he was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown [4 Oct 1777] & was attached to the 13th Virg'a Regiment commanded by Col [William] Russell in Newlenburg [sic: Gen. Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade that in the spring of 1778 he was marched back to Fort Pitt, having been quartered the previous winter at Valley Forge, that he continued to served under Col [John] Gibson Col Broadhed [sic: Daniel Brodhead] & Gen'l. [Lachlan] McIntosh on the Frontier against the Indians until the expiration of the term of his enlistment on continental establishment, that he was then discharged at Fort McIntosh on the Ohio River [at present Beaver PA] – that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present this his name is not on the Roll of any state within his knowledge, that the said William Bailey has no other evidence of the services performed by him except that furnished by the accompanying affidavit of John Kemper & William Withers [William Ramblin Withers W18351] and that the reasons assigned to the schedule of his property shew why he has not made an earlier application for a pension.

William hisXmark Bailey

In pursuance 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, that on the 18th March 1818 he was possessed of a tract of Land which was not productive containing by estimation three hundred and ten acres, that he was involved and on the 13 day of Sep. 1820 he gave a deed of Trust upon the said tract of land to secure the sum of \$500 money borrowed from a certain Dempsee Padgett in order to relase him from his land free habilities that this tract was then valued at \$12 pr. acre and he exchanged it with a certain Richard M. B. Chichister for a smaller tract situate in the same County of Fauquier, containing about 273 Acres estimate at about \$9. 50/100 pr. acre that he received in the exchange \$1000 which was partly applied to the payment of the aforesaid deed of Trust that the balance of this money was applied to the payment of just debts contracted by himself and other debts for which he was bound as security for a certain Adam Boss recovered by judgment who has since taken the oaths of insolvency that since that time he has been involved in the security of a certain Nathaniel Gray and has been obliged to give a deed of Trust upon the last tract of land to secure that debt amounting \$366. 09/100 with Interest from the 28th February 1824 the said Gray having taken the oath of insolvency that he also purchased three horses in the years 1821 1822 from a certain John Morton, having given three Bonds for them for which he has been sued and has also been obliged to fiv a deed of Trust upon the same tract of Land to secure the Balance due, that he justly owed H. L Y Pope the sum of \$203. 52/100

for which he also gave a deed of Trust upon the same tract of Land none of which debts have been paid amounting now [illegible word] Interest & costs to the sum of \$745.08. that his land has been advertised to be sold for the satisfaction of these liens, and that after the payment of them and other lines very little if any thing will be left that the same tract of land is also liable to three writs of Eligit[?] which have been entered against it that since the 18th March 1818 he has been possessed of three aged slaves, the three horses above named a waggon a cart a yoke of oxen a small flock of sheep consisting of four or five, five or six head of cattle, eight or ten hogs, three ploughs, and other farming utensils with household furniture not exceeding in value sixty dollars, all which has been sold under executions that for these facts he refers to the accompanying documents, that he has since been confined in jail under [illegible word] of the debts above named under original suits from the inability to give special bail, that he remained there about eight weeks until he was released by three friends that his land may be sold whenever his creditor H. L. Y. Pope thinks fit to advertise, or at the next quarterly term August or June he will be compelled to surrender it under an execution against his body, that he has not hitherto applied for a pension because has felt a strong aversion to so painful an alternative, and has deluded himself with the hope that he could stem the torments of his difficulties that his land has been unkind that it has greatly depreciated, and that the fate of his friends has increased the load imposed by his own debts and that their adverse circumstances have made him desolate.

The declarant states that his family consists of himself his wife, and a son aged about forty, that the property in his possession consists of then three slaves above names, who are unfit for labour and a source of expence, left with him by the curtesy of the purchaser, that the furniture of his house does not exceed in value twenty dollars which has been left with him under the same circumstances, that he and his wife are too aged to labour and that the industry of his son sustains them scantily and that he is in such indigent circumstances as to require the aid of his country for support. William hisXmark Bailey

Fauquier County.

This 24th day of January 1827, John Kemper appeared in open court and made oath, that he was intimately acquainted with Simon Morgan an officer of the Revolutionary Army on continental establishment, who served with distinction in the war in the capacities of a Lieutenant and Captain that he resided and died in the County of Fauquier being at the time of his death Adjutant General of Virginia, that he has frequently heard him say that the Petitioner William Bailey, had served under him as a soldier in the Revolutionary Army on continental establishment, that he was in the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown, and that in the former the said William Bailey signalized himself, that the affiant is a near neighbour of the Petitioner, that he knows him and his circumstances well, that he is a truthful man, that he is in very needy and embarrassed circumstances, and the statement of his family and actual condition are true within his knowledge.

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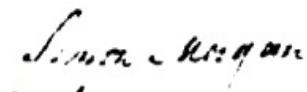
This 24th January 1827 William Withers appeared in open court and made oath that he is acquainted with the Petitioner William Bailey, that he knew him during the revolutionary war that he first saw him in Pittsburg and he believes he was there as a soldier on continental establishment under the command of Simon Morgan, and that he afterwards saw the said William Bailey at Fort McIntosh in the same capacity during the Revolutionary War, that he belonged to the 13th Virginia Regiment.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

March 24 1794

I do hereby certify that William Bailey enlisted as a Soldier for three years in the 13th Virginia Regiment about the begining of the year 1777 which time he served faithfully

Simon Morgan
Late Capt 13th Virg'a Regt



[other side]

Fauq. County Sct
personally appeared before me one of Justices of the peace for the s'd County William Bailey & made
oath that he was same Wm. Bailey whose name is mentioned in the within Certificate.

Given under my hand this 26th day March 1794/ Tho Digges

NOTE: On 25 July 1838 Nancy Bailey of Culpeper County VA, 78, applied for a pension stating that she
married William Bailey on 11 Feb 1782, and he died 28 June 1832. The file includes a copy of a bond
signed on 11 Feb 1782 by William Bailey and John Prayl for the marriage of Bailey to Nancy Newby.