

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zerobabel Gay ¹ W7490 Selah Gay
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State of Tennessee, Davidson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

This day personally appeared before us William Williams, Jesse Wharton and Enoch P. Connell Justices of said Court Zerobabel Gay a resident of said County aged Seventy-three or four years, who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following statement to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 --. That he was born in North Hampton [sic, Northampton] County in the State of North Carolina, and is now about seventy-three to seventy-six years of age – that he enlisted in the Militia service of the State of North Carolina under the command of Captain William Mador [William Madray] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Linton [Lieutenant Colonel William Thomas Linton] in General Butler's [John Butler] Brigade; he entered in the year 1781, the month he does not now remember – the troops were collected at Halifax in North Carolina and marched from thence to Guilford where the joined the Division of the regular Army under the Command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene] – the troops to which the applicant belonged were engaged in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] – his Captain ran away early in the action – the company commanded by the Colonel of the Regiment Linton fired a few rounds and gave way – this service was for three months – and after the battle of Guilford, the applicant entered the regular service in the Georgia or South Carolina [sic, North Carolina] line in the year 1781 under Captain Rayford [Robert Raiford] – and served in the Regiment of the lines aforesaid for the space of twelve months under the following named regular officers – Major Donoho [Thomas Donoho] – Colonel Armstrong and General Greene. From Guilford Court house the applicant was marched down into South Carolina, and was part of the baggage Guard at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – And as well as he now remembers the name of the Lieutenant was Bell – in South Carolina the applicant was Stationed at the "Four Holes," Bacon's Bridge and the High Hills on Santee River until his year expired, when he received an honorable discharge in writing which he had the misfortune to have had burned with all his property – and consequently he has no documentary evidence of his service – nor does he know any person by whom he can prove the same fully, he has the affidavit of Benjamin Barnes who proves part of his service. The applicant has no record of his age, and is quite illiterate – his Captain supposed him to be about 21 or two years of age when he enlisted. He lived in Northampton County North Carolina after the war removed thence to Georgia and then to Tennessee where he has lived some seven or eight years. He hereby relinquishes any pension claim that he may have but the present – and desires that his name may be entered of those entitled to pay for their services --.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 27th day of October 1832

Test: S/ Henry Ewing, Clk

S/ Zerobabel Gay, X his mark

Davidson County Court

[William H. Hagans and Thomas Bell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Davidson County

In pursuance of law I have this day proceeded to take the deposition of Benjamin Barns on behalf of Zerobabel Gay Relative to his serving as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War he being first duly sworn saith as follows – that in the year 1781 at a general Rendezvous at Halifax town in the State of North Carolina the said Zerobabel Gay met and entered the service as a Militia Soldier under General Butler (three months tour) and was a fellow soldier with said Gay until after the battle of Guilford in the year of aforesaid – after said battle we separated I saw him no more until the Army was generally discharged during which term my belief that he was in the Service as a Regular Soldier and further this deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 26th day of October 1832.
S/ Harlett Towns, JP

S/ Benjamin Barns, X [his mark]

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Babel Gay a private in Captain Raiford's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 17th day of May 1781 for 12 months, and left the service on the 17th of May 1782.

Given under my hand this 5th day December 1832.

S/ Wm Hill

[p 9: On December 14, 1850, Selah Gay, 69, filed in Davidson County for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Sarobabel Gay [sic], a Revolutionary War pensioner at the rate of \$50/annum; that she married him August 17, 1797; that he died August 18, 1838; that she has no record of their marriage; that their first born child, Henry Gay, was born September 22, 1798. She signed her application with her mark.]

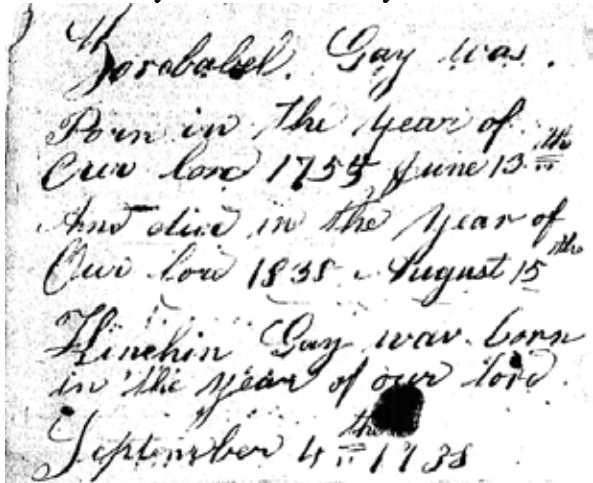
[p 13: In her bounty land claim filed November 22, 1855 in Marshall County Kentucky she states her name before her marriage was Selah Corbett and that she was then (in 1855) 72 years old.]

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Bible record

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Zarobabel gay Selah his wife was married the 17 day of August 1791

Henry gay Son of Zarobabel gay and Selah his wife was born the 22nd day of September in the year of our lord 1798

Nancy Gay Daughter of Zarobabel gay & Selah his wife was Born the 12th Day of June in theyear of our Lord god 1801

Clary Gay Daughter of Zorobabel and Selah her mother was Born in the year of our Lord 180[last digit obliterated] and the 21st of September

Elizabeth gay Daughter of Zorobabel gay and Selah her mother was Born the first day of fabuary in the year of our Lord 1806

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[p 18: On September 1, 1866, in Marshall County Kentucky, the widow, aged 84, applied for the reinstatement of her pension benefit as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina militia and Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]