

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hailey W7686

Mary Hailey

f38VA

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Virginia: in Halifax County to wit:

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 1838, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid, Mary Hailey aged about 80 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows ["] – That she is the widow of Joseph Hailey, late of Halifax County who was a soldier of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment, in the war of the Revolution – That she knows very little, if anything at all respecting the services of her late husband; but has always understood, and believes the same to be true, that in 1776, he enlisted under Captain John Brent for [word written over and blotted out] years, and was attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Lawson [Robert Lawson] and General Stevens [Adam Stephen]. That he served the said term faithfully, and was discharged from service regularly – All of which will more readily appear by reference to the Register of the Continental line, and the accompanying certificates, of soldiers who served with him –

She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Hailey on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1784; that her husband, the aforesaid Joseph Hailey died on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1823; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, 1794; that is to say, at the time above named –

S/ Mary Hailey, X her mark

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Virginia Charlotte County to wit

I do hereby Certify, that Joseph Hailey enlisted under Captain John Brent of Charlotte, as a Continental soldier in the Revolutionary war; and that he continued in the service as such until the latter part of the year, 1779 when he returned home after being honorably discharged – He marched in the month of March, 1776 to Portsmouth in Virginia, and thence in the fall of the same year, to the North. He belonged to the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Lawson and General Stevens – I am in the 87<sup>th</sup> year of my age and was a soldier of the Revolutionary war – Given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 1838

S/ James Mullings



Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I James Mullings<sup>1</sup> in addition to the within certificate, do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with Mary Haley, the widow of Joseph Haley, and know that they were married about the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1784, – and continued man and wife until the death of Joseph Haley – That the said Mary Haley is still a widow, and resides in Halifax County Virginia –

Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1838 – He died the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 1823 –

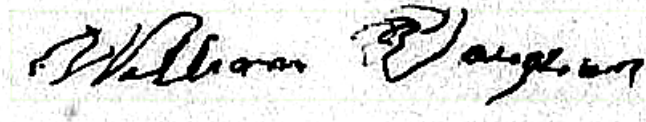
S/ James Mullings

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Virginia Charlotte County to wit

I do hereby Certify that Joseph Hailey enlisted as a Soldier in the Continental line under Captain John Brent in the month of February 1776, and was attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment – In the month of March 1776, the company marched from Charlotte to Portsmouth in Virginia; late in the fall of that year to the North – He was engaged in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777] and other battles of less note. He continued in the service about 3 years, according to my best recollection at this time, and was honorably discharged. I am in the 88<sup>th</sup> year of my age.

S/ William Vaughan<sup>2</sup>

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William Vaughan", enclosed in a light green rectangular border.

[p 16: certificate dated October 4, 1839 from the clerk of the Lunenburg County Virginia court stating that he has examined the books and records in his office and find no record of the marriage of Joseph Haly to Mary May.]

[p 18: On July 23, 1839 in Charlotte County Virginia, Catharine Hamlett, 76, gave testimony that she knew Joseph Haley and Mary his wife almost from their childhood; that Joseph Hailey married the affiant's sister [not named] who lived but a few months; he then married Mary Haley the affiant thinks in April 1784.]

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Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I James Mullings of Charlotte, in addition to my former certificate in behalf of Mary Hailey the widow of Joseph Hailey, deceased, do hereby certify that said Joseph Haley married my half sister, which circumstance enables me to know a good deal of him and his affairs. Before the year 1818, and afterwards, the said Joseph Hailey on 5 or 6 slaves and a valuable track of land containing something like 200 acres, situated on Dan River in the County of Halifax with a valuable ferry attached to it – Whether he ever applied for a pension, I am unable to state positively; but am under the impression he did apply, and perhaps drew a pension for a short time under the Act of March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1818 – Some short time before he died, he had but little property – If he ever applied, and did not draw, I am satisfied, it was because he had too much property to

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<sup>1</sup> [James Mullings \(Mullins\) S10251](#)

<sup>2</sup> [William Vaughan S14754](#)

come within the benefit of the law – The said Joseph Hailey was merely a private soldier of Infantry under Captain Brent in the Virginia Continental line.

S/ James Mullings

[p 33: On September 12, 1839 in Halifax County Virginia Henrietta S Tye gave testimony that her father Joseph Haley never gave away any of his property to his children in order to bring himself under the pension law.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum for her husband service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[Transcribers Note: papers relating to this veteran have been missed filed in the rejected pension records of the Virginia library in the files of William Hackney [pages 23 through 26] and John Haggerty. Reference should be made to those files for the images of the documents transcribed below.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[p 23 of the Wm Hackney file]  
Virginia, Charlotte County to wit

I do hereby certify that Joseph Hailey was a soldier in the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the Revolutionary war: he enlisted under Captain Brent, and was attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Lawson and General Stevens – The said Joseph Hailey was well known to me, before and during the war, and resided for many years in the same neighborhood with me – he returned from the Northern Army sometime in the latter part of the year 1779; he enlisted in January or February 1776, and the company marched about first of March, 1776; first, to Portsmouth, and late in the fall of 1776, to the grand Army in the North – He was in the Continental Army more than three years successively to my certain knowledge; he was a good soldier, true and faithful to his country, and was honorably discharged. I am in the 87<sup>th</sup> year of my age, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War

S/ William P Hamlett<sup>3</sup>



[p 24 said file]

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Memorial of the Heirs, and legal representatives of Joseph Haley Deceased late a soldier of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment during the War of the Revolution: Respectfully Sheweth:

That your memorialist were too young to have any personal knowledge of the services of their late Father the said Joseph Hailey in the Revolutionary War: and therefore have to depend on the Public records and the evidence of surviving soldiers who were with him in the service –

The said Joseph Hailey enlisted as a soldier under Captain John Brent of Charlotte in the Spring of 1776; the company first marched to Portsmouth, Virginia, and were stationed there, until the fall of 1776: they were then ordered to the Head Quarters of the Northern Army, and

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<sup>3</sup> [William P. Hamlett S13305](#)

attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Lawson and General Stevens. The said Joseph Hailey was engaged in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and others of less consequence, in all of which he came off with credit. He continued in the Continental Army 3 years successively, and was honorably discharged. All of which will readily appear by reference to the accompanying Certificates of reputable persons, who were [the image of this document is cut off at the bottom thereof at this point]

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is found on the Army Register of the Continental line, and has not drawn his land Bounty according to report of John H Smith Esquire late Commissioner of Revolutionary Claims – Your Memorialists pray, that they may be allowed the gratuity of land to which the said Joseph Hailey in his lifetime was entitled for 3 years services rendered in the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment during the War of the Revolution, pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such case made and provided – And as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c

S/ Royal Hailey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Royal Hailey". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered below the typed name.

[Note: the file indexed under the name John Haggerty contains the same petition from Royal Hailey and the affidavit of William P Hamlett as transcribed above.]