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Pension Application of Elisha Bailey W8344

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State of Kentucky } SS

Adair County        }

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the County Court for the County afs'd. now sitting Elisha Bailey a resident of Adair County and State afs'd. aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service in the spring of 1781 under Captain Leak [probably Mark Leake] in the Count of Albemarle and State of Virginia as a malitia & was a malitiaman in all his service where he then lived in the month of April but does not recollect the particular date of the month. The Regiment & number thereof he does not recollect but the Commander was either Gen [Thomas] Nelson or [Robert] Lawson he was however under the command of both this Tour and the other in a subsequent Tour which he will speak about. That he marched from Albemarle County to Richmond Virginia, from thence to Cabin Point [on James River in Surry County] lay there sometime marched to Fredericksburg & was there discharged by Captain Leak in writing but s'd. discharge has been long since lost. This Tour was three months. That in a short time after he was discharged & returned home he engaged as a substitute for Zackariah Roberts under Capt Barnett who was under Col. Campbell and marched to York and lay there sometime and then marched about through the country to avoid the enemy as we were not at that time strong enough to go into action and then returned to York and there remained until after Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] at the taking of whom he was present after which he with others marched to the Maryland line to guard the prisoners that far he was then discharged but by whom he does not recollect The discharge is however lost. He would here state that the tour under Capt Barnett when he was a substitute for Z Roberts was two months and he got only a verbal discharge if any. That when he was at the taking of Corwallis he was under Capt Leak The Col. under whom he was he does not recollect, but that Lafayette [sic: Lafayette] & Gen. Washington were the Commanders in Chief that this last Tour under Capt Leak was about three months and [three words lined through] a verbal discharge but from whome he does not recollect. He states that in the first Tour under Capt Leak he served three months. The second Tour he was under Capt. Barnett & Col. Campbell two months. the third Tour under Capt Leak three months making in all eight months he served.

That he was born in the year 1764 the month not recollected. He has no record of his age. He lived in Albermarle County virginia after his service several years the exact time he cannot recollect. He then removed to the County of Lincoln in the State of Ky lived there sometime then Removed the County of Adair where he now resides. That he is known in his neighbourhood to Harrison M. Gill, Alex'r. Walker & Jackson Atkins. That he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[signed] Elisha Bailey

NOTE: On 15 May 1843 Hannah Bailey, 79, applied for a pension stating that she married Elisha Bailey on 19 Dec 1782, and he died 30 Nov 1841. With her application she submitted an original family record transcribed as follows:

Elisha Bailey son of John Bailey and Mary Bailey his Wife Was borne Nov'm. the 20th 1763

Hannah Gay Daughter of Thomas Gay and Peggey Gay his Wife, Was borne March 11th 1764

Thomas T. Bailey son of Elisha Bailey and Hannah Bailey his was Borne April the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1784

Polley L. Bailey was borne April 1<sup>st</sup> 1786

John Bailey was borne July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1788

Betsey Bailey was borne December 31<sup>st</sup> 179 [last digit illegible]

Samuel B. Bailey was Borne 19th Jan'y. 1796

Hiram Bailey was Borne August 18<sup>th</sup> 1798

Terry Bailey was Borne Dec'm 27<sup>th</sup> 1800

Blane Bailey was Borne Jan'y 13th 1803

Benjamin Bailey was borne August 25th 1809

[The following entry is no longer legible but was abstracted as follows by the Pension Office: Hetty Bailey born January 24, 1792]

Elisha Bailey and Hannah Gay was join'd In Marriage the 19th of December 1782

Thomas T. Bailey son of Elisha Bailey and Hannah Bailey his Was join'd in Marriage to Polley Atkinson the 12th of July 1809