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Pension Application of John Bayne W9336

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Virginia, to wit:

On this 28th day of July 1834 personally appeared before the court of Halifax County now sitting John Bayne a resident of said county and state aforesaid aged seventy 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 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the Revolution in the month of January 1781, as a substitute for his father Daniel Bayne who had been drafted and ordered to perform a tour of three months service, he marched from the County of Lunenburg in the state of Virginia where he then resided in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Lee, went through Charlotte County crossed Staunton River at Bibb's ferry and was for some time in the county of Halifax and joined General Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army at Wyley's tavern in the said County of Halifax, they soon after entered the state of North Carolina, march in various directions not being long stationed at any one place, the militia daily falling in and joining us until we met with Lord Cornwallis' army in the County of Guilford N.C. we had a severe battle [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] in which the Americans were defeated, a retreat was ordered, the company to which I was attached with many others rendezvoused again at Wins' mill in the said county of Guilford, where under Colo. Natha'l Cock [Nathaniel Cocke] and Colo. Haynes Morgan, at that place I was detailed as a guard to carry a parcel of British prisoners to the Barracks in Albemarle County, Virginia, myself and others under the command of Lieut. Cox carried the said prisoners to that place. I was then discharged by said Cox about the last of April 1781, the discharge obtained from Lieut Cox was given to my father on my return home and I do not know what became of it. I served on this tour upwards of three months I do not know any person living that was in service with me at that time, that would enable me to prove the said service. Soon after my arrival at home, in the month of May 1781 I was drafted and ordered to serve my own tour of three months service. I marched from the said county of Lunenburg under Capt. Rogers to Prince Edward Court-house and at that place joined the army under General Robert Lawson, Colo [John] Holcombe and Major Purnell, from thence we marched through Amelia and Cumberland to Pointy Fork on James River [sic: Point of Fork at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers] from then to Morben Hill [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] from thence we marched in different directions and were not long at any one place we were as low down James River as Portsmouth Norfolk &c. we then marched back to Williamsburg about this time our term of three months service expired, but we were not discharged which produced a considerable murmur with some of the soldiers of the company to which I was attached, at Williamsburg we joined many other troops under General Washington Lafayette, Stephens [sic: Edward Stephens] &c. from thence we marched to Little York we were stationed until Lord Cornwallis and his army surrendered to General Washington in the month of October 1780 [sic: 19 Oct 1781], after which I was discharged at Little York about the last of October 1781 by Colo Holt Richardson [Holt Richeson] my discharge is lost and cannot be found. I do not know any person living that was in that service with me, to prove it by, the whole time of service rendered on this tour was not less that five months, the total service rendered by me as a private in the War of the Revolution was not less than eight months for which I claim a pension. I was born in the year 1764 in the county of Westmoland [sic: Westmoreland] in the state of Virginia. My age was recorded in a family bible that was carried by my father to the state of Tennessee. I lived in the county of Lunenburg when I entered the service of the Revolution. I lived in the said County one year after the war closed. I lived in the County of Charlotte six years, then came to the County of Halifax and have lived in that county ever since. I entered the service first as a substitute for Daniel Bayne and last I was drafted to serve my own tour. The officers and circumstances of my service

are stated in my declaration. I Received 2 discharges 1st was given to me by Lieut Cox, the 2nd by Colo Holt Richardson they are lost. Colo. Chas. T. Harris Colo. Thomas Davenport, Colo. Chas. A. Ballow Capt Isaac Medley and many others can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

John hisXmark Bayne

[The following excerpt is in response to a letter from James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, expressing doubt that soldiers were kept in service past the expirations of their terms. Bayne was finally awarded a pension for only six months service.]

Pittsylvania County Va. 20 September 1834

Mr. Edwards./ Sir. If you will examine the Declaration of John Bayne herewith enclosed to you again, you will find that instead of his being a Volunteer twice, he first entered the Service as a Substitute for his Father Daniel Bayne who was Drafted, that he was drafted the second time to serve his own tour of three months service; but was detained 5 months, if you will consider the period of this service and the situation of Virginia; at that time, Lord Cornwallis with the British forces in Virginia, Petersburg just taken by Gen'l. Philips [sic: William Phillips, April 1781] &c you will not believe it an unusual thing for the Malitia to be kept in Service a longer time than they were drafted for, I have seen soldiers some of them now living, that were drafted to serve three months in Virginia in the Spring and Summer of 1781 that served 5 or 6 months before being discharged as I was informed by them, Mr. John Bayne can get no positive proof. You will descide on his case as you believe to be just, give him a pension either for 6 or 8 months. [Two paragraphs omitted here.] I am your mo. Obt. Tho. Williams atty

I Nelson Tucker of the County of Pittsylvania & State of Virginia do certify, that during the Old Revolutionary War, that I was a Citizen of the County of Lunenburg Va., & was called out into service, & took up the line of March (as well as my recollection served me) the 7th of July 1781, under the command of Capt Michael McKey, Lutenant Wm. Lowery [William Lowery] & Ensign Wm. Parrott [William Parrott], we March down the Country & cross'd James River & join'd Head-Quarters at a place call'd Mabins hills, & John Bayn son of Daniel Bayn was also a citizen of Lunenburg at that time & also March'd with us from Mobins hills, we were March'd to several places untill we ariv'd at a station between Old Williamsburg & little York where the Enemy were station'd all which time John Beyn was in service with me, at which place I obtain'd a Discharge, Sign'd by Col'n. Holt Richardson, I then left the Camp for home, as well as my Memory serves me the 19th of September 1781. I then left John Bayn at that place, but do not know how long he continu'd in Service afterwards, perhapse till the Surrender of Co'n Wallace.

And I do further certify that the aforesaid John Bayn a clament for a pention, who is now a citizin of the County of Hallifax is the same Identical John Bayn, who was with me in Service, as stated above.

Given under my hand the 16th Day of August 1835 Nelson Tucker

State of Virginia} SS

County of Halifax }

On this 27 day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and 55 personally appeared before me Thos S Wood a justice within and for the County and State aforesaid, John Bayne aged 106 years, a resident of the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical person who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain Bacon in the 2nd Regiment of Va ma commanded by Colonel Cox in the Revolutionary War declared by the United States on the know as the war of 76 Drafted for the term of 12 months and continued in actual service in said War for 8 months fourteen days, that he has never made application for Bounty Land under the acts of Congress and that he Recives an anual pension of 20\$

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the act approved 3rd March, 1855. He also declares that he has never applied for or received under this or any other Act of Congress any Bounty Land Warrant, as above mentioned. And he hereby authorizes Jeremiah Clardy Halifax County, Va., to receive said warrant, and requests it sent to his address. Halifax Court House Va John hisXmark Bayne

NOTE: On 27 July 1837 Sally Bayne, 66, applied for a pension stating that as Sally Canada she was married by Rev. William Moore on 25 Oct 1822 to John Bayne, who died in Halifax County on 21 May 1857. The file contains a copy of a marriage bond signed 23 Oct 1822 by John Bayne and Edward Henderson for the marriage of Bayne to Sarah Canada of Halifax County. On 16 Dec 1865 Sally Bayne, 81, applied for the resumption of the pension that had been suspended during the Civil War, during which she had been supported by the charity of the county of Halifax. A note from the Postmaster at News Ferry VA dated 3 Feb 1886 states "Sally Bayne is dead and has been for several years."