

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Bailey W9342 Christiana Bailey MD
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State of Maryland Howard District of Anne Arundel County Sct.

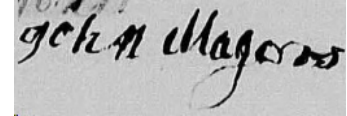
On this twenty-seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, before the subscriber, Justice of the Orphans Court for Howard district in said State of Maryland (the same being a court of Record) personally appeared James Bailey a resident of Baltimore County in the state aforesaid, who was prevented from travelling the distance to attend in either of the open Courts of Baltimore County by reason of bodily infirmities, and who being first duly sworn according to Law did on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, that he was born in Baltimore County State of Maryland in the year 1761 and resided in said County until he attained his 17th year for six months of the latter part of that time he mustered in the Militia service in Captain's Gill's company, after which time he went to the City of Baltimore where he enlisted as a private soldier in Captain [John] Hawkins' Company of the Maryland Regiment commanded by Colonel [Benjamin] Ford for three years in the spring of the year (1778) seventeen hundred and seventy eight, and that he marched through the State of Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania, and also the States of New Jersey, South Carolina, And this deponent further states that he was in some Skirmishes during the years 1778 & 1779 – That he was in the Battle of Camden, fought in the summer of the year 1780 [16 Aug 1780] and during his services he acted to his company as corporal, and also for a short time as one of the under Sergeant's And he further states that he remained in service until the spring of the year 1781 when he was verbally discharged by his Captain and received pay from a certain John Hamilton, after which he returned home to Baltimore County where he remained for some few months, he then went in to the United States service again and marched through the State of Virginia to Yorktown and fought in that battle [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], some short period, after which he was again discharged by his captain with many others, then he together with them returned home which was in the month of December Seventeen hundred and eighty one that being the same year he was first discharged, as near as he can recollect. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present and and declares that his name is not on the Pension list or roll of the agency of any state Having been heretofore enabled to procure his daily bread by his own hands, he was unwilling to become a pensioner upon the bounties of his County, but recent indispositions and growing infirmities has reduced him to dependence thereon and he therefore now prefers his claim

In testimony whereof this deponent hath hereunto subscribed his name the day and year first above written
James hisXmark Bailey

State of Maryland Baltimore City towit

Personally appeared on this thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three John Majors [pension application S11026] aged eighty three years a Resident of said City and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God depose and saith that his intimacy with James Bailey who is now applying for a pension for his Revolutionary Services was early in his boyhood when they were living neighbours in Baltimore County State of Maryland after which and in the year seventeen hundred and eighty in the summer of that year they met near Camden South Carolina when the said James Bailey was acting as a soldier in Captain Hawkins Company and under the Command of Colonel [Benjamin] Ford as near as he Can Recolect in the Contineltal army and this deponent further depose and saith that he and the said James Bailey fought in the Battle of Camden in which occured in the summer of the year seventeen hundred and eighty after which this deponent had not seen the said James Bailey until

they met in the State of Virginia in Yorktown the fall of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one and they fought in the Battle of Yorktown and this deponent further declares that some time after he left his Revolutionary Services he Returned to Baltimore County where he again afterwards met with the said James Bailey they then spoke of their services and this deponent further Declares the said James Bailey who is applying for his pension and who now Resides in Baltimore County in said state is the same Identical person that Rendered the services aforesaid



Land Office, Annapolis, 14th August, 1843.

Dear Sir [Mr. John Bailey], Your letter of the 13th Inst. with one enclosed from J. L. Edwards, Esq'r. [Commissioner of Pensions], respecting the claim of James Bailey, I have just received and hasten to reply to it. Mr. Edwards asks, if James Bailey, was promoted in October 1780 to the rank of Sergeant, why was he paid as such from August, 1780, – I answer, I cannot tell why he was paid, the records of the Revolution are very imperfect, and they afford no evidence that James Bailey, of Hawkins's Company, whose name appears as such upon the Muster roll, is the same James Bailey, whose name is found on the pay roll, but I believe myself it is the same person, and will state why I think so. – upon the Muster roll, James Bailey, is entered as having enlisted in Hawkins's Company for three years in April 1778, was missing 16th Aug't. 1780, and promoted to the rank of Sergeant in October 1780. – on the 16th of August, 1780, the battle of Camden was fought, and he was reported missing, as the roll also shows a number of soldiers to have been, but from the fact appearing that they were afterwards promoted, it is fairly to be presumed, that they were wounded or had assigned some good cause for their being reported as missing, or they would not afterwards have been promoted. As to the arrears of pay he received up to 1st of January, 1782, the Payroll kept by John Hamilton agent for the Maryland line, shews that he was discharged the 27th of April, 1781, the expiration of his term of enlistment and paid up to 1st January, 1782. Now, why he was paid up to Jan'y 1782, I cannot tell, but the roll certainly shews, that the same James Bailey was discharged in 1781, and paid to the 1st Jan'y 1782, furthermore, I would remark, that I have examined all the muster and payrolls of the Maryland and Continental line, and find the names of but two James Bailey's, one enlisted in Hawkins's Comp'y of 5th Reg't. and the other was a Drummer in the 3rd Reg't. The certificate with Mr. Edwards letter is herewith returned.

(In haste,) very respectfully yr. obt. st./ G. G. Brewer

P.S. I send you on the other side a rough copy taken from the pay roll as his name appears. G. G. Brewer [Not transcribed, because it adds no new information.]

NOTES:

In a letter dated 21 Aug 1843 John Bailey referred to James Bailey as his father.

On 16 Mar 1849 Christiana Bailey, 79, applied for a pension stating that she married James Bailey 3 Jan 1791, and he died 10 Nov 1848. With her application is a copy of a certificate for the marriage of James Bailey and Christiana Weideman by J. Daniel Kurtz, Pastor of the Lutheran Church of Baltimore.