

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Eldridge Bailes (Bailis) (Bales) <sup>1</sup> W6099 Sarah Bailes f80SC  
Transcribed by Will Graves 7/13/10: rev'd 4/4/18

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 23]

State of Alabama Madison County: To wit

On this 29th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of said County of Madison now sitting, Eldridge Bailes a resident of said County, aged seventy-two 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 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That early in the month of June 1776 the said affiant being at that time a citizen and resident of the State of South Carolina entered as a volunteer into the Corps of Rangers of said State of South Carolina, under the command of Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson], that his Captain's name was Donelson [John Donaldson], and his Major's name was Wyse [Samuel Wise] (he having gotten their Christian names) that he was at the battle on Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776], where Colonel Moultrie [William Moultrie] commanded, and as well as he can remember, they were all under the command of General Lee [Charles Lee]. He further states, that he continued in active and laborious service, in said corps of Rangers, for the term of fifteen months, a part of the time scouring through the State of South Carolina, and a part of the time through Georgia, down as far as Florida. That at the end of fifteen months, from the time of his entering the service, he was discharged, which was about the month of September in the year 1777. He further states that when he left the service he received a written discharge, but it has been lost or destroyed for many years, and that he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes his every claim to a pension, whatever, or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

This affiant further states, that he was born in the State of Virginia as near as he can ascertain in the year 1760, he does not remember the name of the County. That he has no record of his age.<sup>2</sup> That he removed, when very young to the Santee River in South Carolina, in which

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt33565-160-55

<sup>2</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

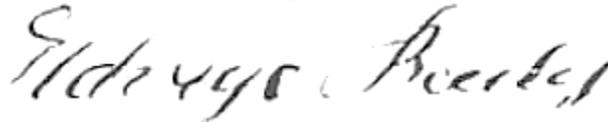
1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where

State he resided when he entered the service. That after he left the service, he resided for a while in South Carolina, he then became a citizen of North Carolina, where he resided about eleven years, he next lived in Tennessee two years, he then removed to the State of Ohio where he resided thirteen years and from thence he removed to Madison County, Alabama, where he now resides, in the year 1818. That he entered the service as a volunteer in the Corps of Rangers as above stated. That he has stated the names of the officers who were with the troops where he served, as far as he remembers them. That he did receive a written discharge when he quit the service, but it has been lost or destroyed for many years, as above stated. He will also state the names of the following persons, to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and in Madison County, who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services, as a soldier of the Revolution. The Reverend Samuel Harris, Reverend Benjamin Franks, Jacob Broyles, Edward Webster, Major Bartley M. Lowe and Abraham Miller.  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court  
Test [indecipherable signature]

S/ Eldridge Bailes



[Samuel Harris & B. Franks, clergyman, and Jacob Broyles gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Madison County: To wit

On this 19th day of August 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the County court of said County now sitting Eldridge Bailes a resident of said County aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following supplemental declaration, explanatory of the declaration which he has heretofore made, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as set forth substantially in his former declaration now on file in the War department of the United States. That he volunteered into the Regiment of Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson] under Captain Donelson and Major Wise for the term of fifteen months and served as a mounted Ranger, or light horseman, on account of the hard and dangerous duty he and his corps had to perform he received thirty dollars per month for his services. That after the battle on Sullivan's Island, in which he took a part, he served out his full term of fifteen months, as a mounted Ranger, through South Carolina, Georgia and East Florida, to protect the inhabitants from the ravages of the British, the Indians and Tories. That during his term of service, he furnished himself with a horse and arms, and other equipment.

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do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

And he further declares, that this supplemental declaration is for the sole purpose of satisfying the war department, as to the capacity in which he served, and the amount of monthly pay he received for his services.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Eldridge Bails [sic], X his mark

S/ Rich'd B. Purdom [?], Clk CC

[William H. Campbell, John R. H. Acklen, John K. Dunn, Bartlett M. Lowe, and James R. Maltbie gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 16: On April 25, 1854 in Madison County, Alabama, Sarah Bales [sic], aged about 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Eldridge Bales, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him in 1790 or thereabouts; that he died 27th day of August 1835; that they were married in the County of Rutherford in North Carolina; that the Bible in which her marriage was recorded has been lost and cannot be found; that some of her children, the fruit of her marriage, are now over 60 years old. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 13: On June 25, 1855 in Madison County Alabama, Sarah Bailes, 80, a resident of Madison County Alabama, filed for the bounty land entitlement as the widow of Eldridge Bailes stating that she married him in Rutherford County North Carolina [no date stated]; that they were married by the Reverend Mr. Morgan a minister of the gospel; that her maiden name was Sarah Burnett; that her husband died in Madison County Alabama on the 17th of August 1835 and that she remains his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$75 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>3</sup> relating to Eldridge Baile (Bail)  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 227A & 234

AA3 & AA6

[p 2: Form of Indent No. 22, Book R dated May 6, 1785 issued to Mr. Eldridge Baile in the sum of £68.2.10 ¼ “for 477 Days Duty in the Militia in 1780 and 1781 as per Account Audited.”]

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No. 22 Book R

Mr. Eldridge Bail his Account of 477 days Militia Duty in 1780 & 1781 Amounting to £68.2.10 ¼ Stg [Sterling]

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State of South Carolina

	To Eldridge Bail	Dr.	£ S D
1780	To 477 days Service as a Private on Horseback in Capt. Thos. Price's [Thomas Price's] Company Commencing June 1 <sup>st</sup> 1780 and Ending Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup> 1781 both days		

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<sup>3</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>.

Included at 20/ pr

[old SC] Currency  
Sterling

477  
£477.0.0  
£68.2.10 ¼

Ninety Six District } Before me William Wood Esqr. Personally appeared Eldridge Bail who  
being duely sworn Saith the above Acct. as it Stands is Just and true  
Sworn before me this 18<sup>th</sup>  
Day of June 1784  
S/ Wm Wood, J.P. S/ Eldridge Bail, X his mark

I do Certify that Elridge Bail's above Charged Duty  
And Acct. as Stands Stated is Just and true.  
Certified this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1784

S/ Moses Wood Capt.

*Moses Wood Capt.*

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Received the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1785 full Satisfaction for the within Acct. in Indent No. 22 Lib. R for  
£68.1.10 ¼ Sterling in Virtue of an Order

S/ R. Winn [Richard Winn]

*R Winn*

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June the 29<sup>th</sup> 1784

I have this Day Received of General Richard Winn the full value of my Account Against  
the Public now Lying in the Auditor's Office for Auditing & afterwards to Get an indent for the  
same. I Request the Commissioners of the Treasury of the State of South Carolina [to make] out  
and [sic, an] indent for the same to him the said Winn with interest agreeable to an act of the  
General Assembly in that Case & Accept this as a Receipt for said Account.

Witness

S/ Wm Wood, JP

S/ Eldridge Bails

*Eldridge Bails*