

Pension Application for Jesse Bailey

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th AD 1832.

State of New York

Tompkins County SS.

On this third day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county now sitting Jesse Bailey, a resident of the Town of Dryden in the County of Tompkins aforesaid aged seventy two years on the ninth day of June last past, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order obtain the benefit of 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 sated. First the said Jesse Bailey was called out on an alarm sometime in the month of June 1776, marched from the Town of Goshen in the County of Orange in the State of New York where he then resided, was in the company commanded by Captain McDowel in Colo. Thurston's Regiment of the Militia of the State of New York to Fort Clinton in said state and served one half month when he was discharged, and that he was called out again under the same officers he thinks sometime in the month of July of the same year and marched from the Town of Goshen aforesaid to Fort Clinton aforesaid and continued to serve there in the service of his country one month when he was discharged from the service. And that he the said Jesse Bailey was drafted he thinks sometime in the month of September 1776, for three months into the company commanded by Captain MCDowell aforesaid in Col. Thurston Regiment. That he marched from Goshen aforesaid to Tappan Bay and from thence to Hackensack in the State of New Jersey and then back to Tappan Bay, and was there discharged after serving out the three months for which he was drafted.

And that the said Jesse Bailey was drafted again he thinks sometime in the month of August 1777, for three months and served in Captain Seth Marvin's Company of Militia, that he does not recollect the name of the commanding officer of the Regt, bethinks it was col. Hatfield that he said term of three months in Fort Montgomery in the State of New York when he was discharged from the service.

And that he enlisted into the company commanded by Captain McDowell in Col. Thurston's Regt. for the term of one year. Same in the latter part of October or the fore part of November in the year 1777, and that he continued to serve in said company until the latter part of May 1778, when he was taken a prisoner by the enemy at a place called second river in the State of New Jersey and that he was kept by the enemy about three months when he made his escape from them and returned home.

And that he enlisted again in the month of October 1778 for the term of three months into the company commanded by Capt. Little and marched to West Point Fort in the State of New York and was there, placed under the command he thinks of Col. Malcom, and that he continued to serve in a patrolling party up and down the Hudson River to [Mindirer?] Creek Tappan Bay & until the expiration of the said three months, when he was discharged from the service at said West Point fort.

And that he enlisted again in the spring of 1779 into the company commanded by Capt. Minthorn, for the term of three months that he was marched from the Town of Goshen aforesaid to a place called Minisink on the Delaware river and continued to serve there as part of a guard on the frontier until the expiration of the said three months when he was discharged at said place from the service.

And that he was drafted for three months sometime in the latter part of the year 1779 and the fore part of 1780 and that he hired a substitute to take his place by the name of Francis Lovlet and paid him thirty dollars in case & furnished him with a good gun, bayonet & cartridge box.

And also that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to 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. (Signed) Jesse Bailey
Sworn and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. S. Love, Clk.

The following questions were propounded by the court to the applicant.

1st where and in what year were you born. Answer I was born on the 9th of June [??] of Crumpond in WestChester County State of New York.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where it is? Answer I have not any record of my age except in my bible.

3rd Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live. Answer in the Town of Goshen in Orange County in the State of New York. I have lived in the town of Milton and I now live in the Town of Dryden in the State of New York.

4th How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute. Answer for a part of the time I was drafted and a part I enlisted.

5th 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. Answer. I served under Col. Malcom three months who I understood was a regular officer. Colo. Thurston, Hatfield and Marvin of the Militia I served under him also knew Genl. Washington, Lord Sterling, Genl Sullivan & Genl McDugal.

6th Did you ever received a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it. Answer—I received a written discharge from Captain Thurston and Capt Little but have lost them.

7th State the names of person to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution? Answer Elder Stubly Carr, Lewis Dunham, John Ellis, Samuel Hemingway, Nathan Dunham, Samuel Hemingway, Jesse Bartholomew.

We Stanley Carr, Clergyman residing in the Town of Dryden and County of Tompkins and State of New York and John Ellis Esq—residing in the same place hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Jesse Bailey who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and that we believe him to be seventy two years of age that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion. Stanley Carr, John Ellis.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. S. Love, Clk