

Pension Application for John Bailey

W.17249 (Widow: Hannah) Hannah was 95 April 20, 1848, she was born August 10, old style date. Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the Act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836.

State of New York
Tompkins County SS.

On this 20th day of April eighteen hundred and forty eight personally appeared before the Supreme Court of Judicature of the State of New York at a Special term thereof held at the Court House in Ithaca in said county of Tompkins on the day aforesaid being a court of record having general common law jurisdiction and power to fine and imprison by the Constitution and laws of said State; before his Honor Mr. Justice Mason one of the Justices of said court; Hannah Bailey aged ninety five years on the tenth day of August next (old style) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836. That she is the widow of John Vailey who was a private in the Levies or Militia of the State of New York, and served as such against the enemy in the War of the Revolution.

That said John Bailey entered the service of his country as such private near Sugar Loaf in the County of Orange and State of New York where she and her said husband then resided and continued to reside until after the close of said war.

That he entered said service about the fall of the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven as near as she can recollect. That he served from that time, pretty much 'till the end of the war. He came home several different times during the war armed and equipped as a soldier professing to have come from service in the army and after getting wood & the like and making provision for his family would leave home armed and equipped as a soldier stating that he was going again to join the army, and when at home his neighbours would converse with him of the service he had been in, in the army, and where he was gone out as a soldier such neighbours would converse with her as to her said husband's being in the army, and she thinks she has heard him and his neighbours say that he was in the battle at White Plains, Fort Montgomery & Stony Point, the two last places being in the same county in which she ten resided as aforesaid.

That he was in other battles, but from her great age cannot name – her said neighbours during the war, which she now remembers were James Parshall, Jason Horton, John Wood, James Wells, Samuel Wells, George Howell, John Howell, Oliver Bailey, brother of her said husband but believes they are all dead. She remembers to have heard her said husband speak during the time he was a soldier as aforesaid as well as his neighbours of his officers and she remembers the names of Captains Horton, Honeywell, Hunt, Schultze, Colonels Hammond and Brinkerhoof as some of this officers.

She further declares that her maiden name was Hannah Vail, land that she was married to said John Bailey at Salem in the State of Connecticut, on Christmas Day in the year seventeen hundred and seventy three. That she had two children by said John Bailey after her marriage with him and before he entered said service, one of whom is dead, the other Isaac Bailey who is upwards of seventy three years of age, resides at Johnstown, Licking County and State of Ohio.

That she has no record of such marriage. L That said John Bailey died at the Town of Wallkill County of Orange, and State of New York the 14th day of June 181 or 1812. Stating from the best of her recollection & the information of her children. That she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed.

That she and her said husband had resided where he died as aforesaid for as many as twenty years having moved there from where they lived during the war. That she came from the place where said John Bailey as aforesaid died to Ludonville in said County of Tompkins, where she now resides with Mr. Robert Favour who married her daughter Hester Bailey. That she the said Hannah Bailey will be ninety five years of age, the tenth day of August (old Style) next. That she has no property whatever and

is dependent on her children for her maintenance. That she has not before applied for a pension under the act of Congress aforesaid because of her want aforesaid to defray the expenses—that she once applied to an individual to aid her in the procuring such pension, but he did not go on with it. L That she cannot write her name therefore makes her mark instead thereof. (Signed with her name) Hannah Bailey

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year above written in open court, before the Supreme Court above mentioned by the said Hannah Bailey. She being first made acquainted with the contents & meaning thereof. N. Crittenden, Clerk of Tompkins Co.