

Pension Application for Elias Bayles or Baylis

S.44584

B.L.Wt.6853-199 Pvt. Name spelled Elias Baylis. Issued March 7, 1792 to B.V. Benthuisen, assignee. No papers.

To the Honorable James Elliott, First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, of the County of Dutchess which is a Court of Record of the State of New York.

The Declaration under oath of Elias Baylis, formerly a private soldier engaged in the Service of the United States, during the Revolutionary War, and now a Citizen of the United States, and resident of the town of Clinton in Dutchess County and State of New York.

Respectfully Showeth, that the said Elias Baylis in or about the month of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty enlisted in the American Army for during the war of the revolution in a company commanded by Captain Gregg, in the third regiment of the New York Line commanded by Colonel Gansevoort, and that he continued to serve in the same company until the derangement of the New York Line the winter following, when he was transferred to a company commanded by Captain Henry Tiebout in the first regiment of the New York Line commanded by Colonel VanSchaick, and continued thereafter to serve as a private soldier on the Continental Establishment under his said enlistment in the company last aforesaid until the end of the war, and until he was discharged on the eighth day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three on the disbanding of the army near Newburgh. And the said Elias further showeth that he has always retained his discharge in his possession until about two months since when he delivered the same to one Moses Willis having sold to the said Willis his right to bounty lands due him from the United States, and the said discharge was to be delivered to enable the said Willis to obtain the said lands.

And this Declaration further representeth that the said Elias Baylis is now a Citizen of the United States, and residing in Clinton aforesaid, and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support; and that he has never received any pension from the United States for or on account [of] his said services.

Therefore he conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," approved, March 18, 1818, and requests that your Honor will examine into the truths of the matters aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in this case, and the proceedings had thereon to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law in such case provided. And in support of the facts above set forth, he refers to the affidavit of himself and the affidavit of Francis Elliott hereafter set forth.

Dated, the ninth day of April 1818. (Signed) Elias Bayles

County of Dutchess SS. Elias Baylis being duly sworn says, that the matters by him set forth in the foregoing Declaration, are in all respects just and true. Sworn the ninth day of April 1818 before me, James Elliott.

Letter in folder dated September 13, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Elias Bayles, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The record of the only Elias Bayles that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this office is Furnished you herein as found in the papers on file in pension claim, S.44584, based upon his military service in that war.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of Elias Bayles are not shown.

Elias Bayles enlisted in New York, near Peekskill, served as private in Captains James Gregg's and Henry Tiebout's Companies, Colonels Gansevoort's and VanSchaick's New York Regiments, and was discharged June 8, 1783, having served four years.

On account of the above named services warrant No. 6863, for one hundred acres of bounty land, was issued March 7, 1792, to B. V. Benthuisen, assignee.

Elias Bayles was allowed pension on his application executed April 9, 1818, at which time he was aged about sixty-seven years, and a resident of Clinton, Dutchess County, New York. His name was also shown as Elias Baylis.

In 1825 he was living in Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York.

In 1820 soldier had no family, but it is not shown whether he was ever married.