

Pension Application for Hudson Bayley or Bailey

W.24635 (Widow: Sarah or Sally) Married October, First Sunday, 1775. He died August 23, 1798. This file is 80 pages long. The widows' files are the large ones, many had trouble proving their marriages.

United States of America

Maine District SS

At a special District Court of the United States begun and holden at Portland within and for said District on the second day of September A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty six before the Honorable Ashur Ware Judge of said Court, on this second day of September aforesaid personally appeared in open court before said Judge, Sarah Bayley, a resident of Portland in the County of Cumberland in Maine District aged eighty five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Hudson Bayley who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Skellings in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Tupper, who succeeded Colonel Francis. That said Hudson Bayley enlisted into said Company at Falmouth in December 1776 for the term of three years, and served at different places on the North River, and was discharged in 1779 – as she verily believes.

She further declares that she was married to said Hudson Bayley on the first Sunday of October 1775, a short time before the town was burnt; that her husband, the said Hudson Bailey died, being lost overboard from the Snow Maria, commanded by Joseph Bayley, the father of said Hudson Bailey on the twenty third day of August 1798, on her voyage from St. Croix for Boston, said vessel having captured by the French was carried into Guadaloupe, was there condemned and said Joseph Bailey died there, also it was after said vessel was captured that Hudson Bayley was lost overboard as stated in the original letter from said Joseph Bailey to which she refers.

That she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Sarah or Salley Baley

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year above written before Asher Ware, Judge of the U.S. for the Distr of Maine.