

Pension Application for William Baley

W.18570 (Widow: Elizabeth)

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New Jersey, New York

Family Record.

Births

William Baley May 10th 1754.

Elizabeth Saxon April 9th 1776.

Married August 12th 1788.

The children of Wm & Elizabeth Baley

Thomas S. Baley August 12th 1789.

Hannah Baley January 28, 1792.

Abbey Baley October 1st 1796.

Susan Baley December 25th 1796.

William Baley September 26th 1799.

James D. Baley January 16th 1802.

Deaths

Susan Baley October 3rd 1798.

William Daley Junr October 5th 1800.

Hannah Phillips September 6th 1798.

Abbey Baley July 27, 1826.

William Baley (Sen.) January 22nd 1838.

James Baley was married Aug 21st 1773.

Births

William Baley, Ann Baley December 25th 1721

The Children of Wm & Ann Baley

Hannah Baley Jany 6th 1748.

Sarah Baley July 8th 1749.

James Baley May 3rd 1752.

William Baley May 10th 1756.

Nathan Saxon July 17th 1732.

Edeth Saxon May 1st 1735.

The Children of Nath'n & Edeth Saxon

Reuben Saxon December 27th 1754.

Kezia Saxon April 8th 1756.

Hannah Saxon September 8th 1758.

Gearham Saxon April 28th 1761.

Nathaniel Saxon Sept. 27th 1763.

Elizabeth Saxon April 9th 1766.

State of New York

City and County of New York SS.

On this twentieth day of October one thousand and eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Common Pleas held at the City hall of the City of New York now sitting William Baley, a resident of the City in the County and State of New York, aged seventy eight 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 he was born May 10th 1754, at ElizabethTown – that he has a record of his age, in the family bible, which is now in his possession; that when called into service, he was living at Elizabeth Town County of Essex and State of New Jersey. That he removed to the City of New York, in the year 1789, and has resided therein from that time to the present day.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1775 very soon after the Battle of Bunker Hill (but the precise time he does not recollect) in the company of Captain David Lyon, and in the regiment of Colonel Richmore, but what was the number of the regiment or of what line, he does not recollect. That he came immediately to the City of New York with his company and lay there till the regiment of Colonel Richmore was full. That he sailed from New York to Albany in one day; that they marched immediately to a Tavern called the “Half Moon” opposite Troy. That he marched thence to Stillwater, where he waited with his company three or four days for troops, when some joined them; that from Stillwater he marched to Sknisborough in one day, where he stayed one night, that from thence, he sailed to Ticonderoga, where he met General Montgomery; (but whether he had any troops, he does not recollect) distance being about 16 miles, where he was joined with some troops; that he sailed across Lake Champlain, 166 miles to Isle au Noix with General Montgomery; that he laid at Isle au Noix three or four days when troops kept coming in to join them; of the troops he recollects the green Mountain Boys; and also Colonel Weisffenvelt from New York; that a draft for 1500 men was determined on; that he was drafted to lay siege to Fort St. John’s; that he still remained under Captain Lyon; that they went in bateaux to St. John’s about three miles from the fort; that they were driven away by the British and Indians, who killed 13 or 14; that they landed at about 3 o’clock the next morning at Isle au Noix; that they laid there three or four days when he went back again and landed near the same place as before; that afterwards 5 or 6,000 troops came to join them; but whether they were drafted or not, he does not know; that he remained there about six weeks; that he was not at the reduction of Fort Chamblee and does not know any particulars; that there were some skirmishes, but never did more than two or three men come out of the Fort at a time; that the United States Troops collected immediately opposite St. John’s Fort a little “bomb battery” as they called it; on which were placed several cannon, for the purpose of injuring British vessels if any should attempt to go down the lake to injure our men; that the garrison capitulated in about six weeks, but he does not recollect any circumstances attending the capitulation; that he came down from St. John’s in bateaux with some prisoners of one of whom he has distinct recollection, a sergeant by name, John McFall; that he delivered the prisoners at the Fort at Ticonderoga.

That he received his discharge, but the exact time he does not recollect; it was quite cold weather; that he reached him home at ElizabethTown aforesaid, about the latter part of February 1776.

That he continued to reside at ElizabethTown when the enemy landed at Staten Island in the harbor of New York, which, to the best of his recollection and belief, was about the latter end of May 1776. That immediately thereafter, he entered the service of the United States under Jacob Crane, Captain and _____ Williamson, Colonel; that he was a volunteer for two months or more, during which time he was ordered together with all the soldiers that could be collected to ElizabethTown Point, to guard the Jersey shore, to dig entrenchments and to go in boats to Amboy in the night to spy the enemy; that he obtained his discharge.

That early in the spring, in February or March and to the best of his recollection and belief in 1777, he was drafted for a service of three months; that he was in the lines, on guard and on the shore; that he obtained his discharge.

That he enlisted under Colonel Seely, for three or four months, at Elizabethtown and to the best of his recollection and belief in 1778; that he guarded the lines, and had frequent skirmishes with the British coming from State Island; that he frequently went to Morristown to draw provisions from the Quarter Master there, Joseph Lewis.

That just before the battle of Monmouth Court House the Morristown Militia were called upon to go to Monmouth; that the order was countermanded.

That he was a volunteer when General Rnyphausen landed from New York at Elizabethown; that he believes this was in the year 1780; that he was a Morristown in the Morris County Militia and as he believes, under Captain Ward; the name of the Colonel he does not recollect; that his company did not engage but remained at Chatham, Morris County.

That he was in the company of Captain Ward at Chatham when he heard of the revolt of the New Jersey Troops, as he thinks near [Tascon?] Ridge; that he received notice from his captain to be ready to march; which order was countermanded.

That he was engaged in the service nearly all the time from his first enlistment till the peace, at one time in active service, at another, on the farm; but that he considered himself as liable at all times, to be summoned to active duty.

That he obtained discharges at the end of my enlistment; but that they and all other documentary evidence, if he had any were burnt at a fire which occurred several years ago in the City of New York and that he knows of no person who can testify to his service, all his captains and fellow soldiers being to the best of his belief, now dead.

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.

That his above mentioned services are related in the order, as he believes and recollects them to have been successively rendered, and that his memory [is] much impaired, does not enable him to give their respective dates.

That he knows of no clergyman, at present living who can testify in his behalf; but that William H. Ireland and Abraham King, late Aldermen of the City of New York can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. (Signed) Will'm Baley

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Abm Asten, Clerk Com Pleas NY