

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition of William Creekmore (Creekman) VAS1877

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Norfolk County legislative Papers

Norfolk County SS

Personally appeared before me James Warden a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Mr. William Creekmore and made oath that he enlisted as a soldier at the commencement of the revolutionary war under Capt. Hoffer [perhaps Capt. William Hoffer] at Portsmouth Virginia thence was marched to Williamsburg, their consolidated in Col. Gibson's Regiment from thence marched to Alexandria there he was inoculated with the small pox, from thence went into Pennsylvania and joined the Army under the immediate command of General Washington, that he there served in General Green's [Nathanael Greene's?] division and Muhlenberg's Brigade [Peter Muhlenberg's Brigade], that he was at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] and was at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] after which discharged at Alexandria, that he soon after enlisted under Lieut. [name too faint to discern] at Williamsburg from which place he marched to Petersburg and joined General Gates [Horatio Gates] under whom he served in Col. Thompson's Regiment of artillery, General Smallwood's [William Smallwood's] Brigade, was in the battle at Camden South Carolina [August 15-16, 1780], after which he was discharged at Hookory [Hickory?] Creek in said State: that he then returned to Norfolk County and enlisted under Capt. [indecipherable name]¹ for the purpose of going to Little York, but the recruits in this section were directed to demolish the breastworks at Portsmouth, that during this last service his mother with whom he left his discharges, was plundered by the refugees and his discharges destroyed.

Sworn to before me

January 5th, 1827

S/ Jas. Warden, JP

S/ William Creekmore

copies destroyed.
William Creekmore

¹ *Comp: Brogan*

To the Honorable, the Legislature of the State of Virginia, now in Session.

Your petitioner begs leave to show that during the war which terminated in the Independence of these United States he served as a private soldier in the State and Continental Army establishment, (That he was in the State Service, will appear by his having received his Land Warrant from the State of Virginia) that since the War he has not succeeded in procuring a sufficiency of property to barely subsist upon; and at the age of seventy-eight humbly begs that such provision be made for his relief by your Honorable body, as may appear in your wisdom reasonable and just.

Norfolk County
December 1826[?]

S/ William Creekmore



[Reverse]

Petition of William Creekmore
Norfolk County
Robert Taylor
December 13th, 1826
Referred to Claims
1827 January 13
Rejected
15 Reported

I do hereby certify that on the 3rd of April 1783 William Creekmore obtain from the Land Office of Virginia a military Land bounty Warrant for 100 acres of land on account of his Services as a private Soldier of the State Line for 3 years.

S/ Wm Selden, R. L. Off. Va.
January 15, 1827

Resolved as the opinion of this Committee, that the petition of William Creekmore stating that he served as a private soldier in the war of the revolution, in the State and Continental Army that he is now very old, poor and infirm and praying to be placed on the pension list be rejected.

[Note: It is not clear why the following documents are included in Creekmore's file]

By an act of General Assembly of Virginia passed 15 October 1792 (see Henning's Statutes at large Volume 13, page 615) the pension previously granted to Richard Taylor late a Capt. in the Navy of the Commonwealth was increased to £120 per annum, this pension of \$400 seems to have been paid to him to the 30th's August 1825 the day of his death.

Auditor's Office
19th December 1826 Joseph Jackson, Clerk

The amount of the Pension paid Capt. Taylor of the Navy \$13,116

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

At a Court held for Norfolk County the 18th day of November 1811 William Hoffler and John Brooks here in Court and made oath that William Creekman [could be Creekmore] of this County was a Soldier in the 1st Virginia State Regiment, and served 3 years during the Revolutionary War, and that he is now living which is ordered to be certified.

A Copy

S/ Wm Watson, ??

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to Certify that it appears from a list in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers in the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 13th day of June 1786 in the name of William Creekmore as a soldier of Infantry, for £54.3.0 which Certificate appears to have been issued to Joshua Cannon.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 25th day of February 1833.

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Auditor

I Samuel Hosier do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with William Creekmore and do Certify that he Served in the Revolutionary War as a private soldier.

S/ Samuel Hosier,² X his mark

[attested in Norfolk County Virginia June 5, 1832]

I hereby Certify that I was in the fifteenth Regiment of the Continental line and have often heard the name of Creekmore called in the role of that Regiment as a soldier.

S/ Jesse Nichols

[Attested in Norfolk County Virginia May 21, 1832]

William Creekmore

Roz 11 Mar. 1833

Submitted June 18th 1833

rejected proof neither of Enlistment or service for 3 years

WA [??]

² [Samuel Hosier R5244](#)