

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition relating to James Cluverius VAS1996

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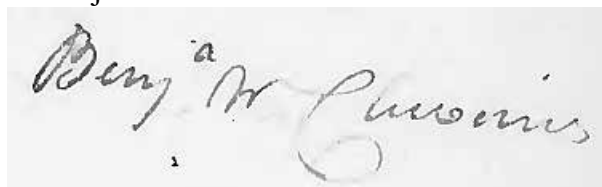
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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Gloucester County Legislative Petitions

To the Legislature of Virginia

Your petitioner respectfully States that his uncle James Cluverius of the County of Gloucester, was a Lieutenant in the State line during the Revolution, and was an officer during the whole war, and never did receive his Commutation or half pay, that he died intestate about the year __ and your petitioner has qualified on the estate as administrator, and is now the legal representative. He prays that he may be allowed in this case the Commutation or half pay due for his Uncle's Services. Your petitioner has been fortunate in this case in obtaining positive testimony that Lieutenant James Cluverius was an Officer of the State line at the actual termination of the war. He has moreover found his name on the list of Officers who were certified to be entitled to half pay about the close of the war. There cannot be a Shadow of Doubt to the fact of Lieutenant Cluverius's Services. Your petitioner therefore prays that the like allowance of Commutation pay may be made to him as representative aforesaid on account of Lieutenant Cluverius's Services, as has been to others.

S/ Benjamin W Cluverius

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben^a W Cluverius". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Reverse]

Lieutenant Js Cluverius
Revolutionary
January 22nd 1830
referred to P 6^{ms}

I hereby certify that I was well acquainted with James Cluverius who served as an officer in the State line holding the rank and title of Lieutenant in the Virginia Regiment under Colonel __. I knew him when he marched to the North and when he returned. He continued in Service till the end of the war 1783, I always heard him Spoken of as an active and meritorious Officer. Given

under my hand this ___ day of February 183_[last digit illegible]

S/ Mary Hobday, X her mark

[attested in Gloucester County January 13th, 1830 by Jasper C Rowe, JP]

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with James the various formerly of the County of Gloucester and who was an officer in the State Line during the Revolution, he was absent from the County several years, and I well remember when he returned about the close of the war. James Cluverius was spoken of as an active & brave officer. Given under my hand this 13th day of January 1830

S/ Howard Hobday

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard Hobday". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

John H. Gwathmey, comp. *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution: Soldiers, Sailors Marines: 1775-1783*, Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., reprint 1979 contains the following information regarding this veteran:

Cluverius, James, Lieutenant, Edmonds' Command, Artillery; com
[commission]*dated April 23, 1780. Name appears on a list of officers of*
a Regiment of Artillery raised for the defense of Virginia under command
of Colonel Thomas Marshall. Awarded 4000 acres. [Plain text added

[Note: There is a file in the [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#) but it contains no substantive documents.]