

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Purcell (Pursley) VAS310 [vsl 4VA](#)

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

Petition for bounty land

Wm Purcell (or Pursley) Soldier –Ills Regt.

One of the pay rolls of Captain Ro. George's [Robert George's] Company of artillery belonging to the Illinois Regiment (see volume I Illinois Papers) shows that William Purcell, or Pursley, enlisted April 14th 1780 for the war & was in service & receiving pay January 31st 1783 – other pay roll show him in service at different times.

This claim has been reported by me as good for a service of three years in the Illinois list – No. 4 – I [indecipherable word] now to [indecipherable word] that Report – by reporting William Purcell, or Pursley, entitled to land, for a service for & during the war, under an enlistment prior to April first 1781.

Respectfully submitted
John H Smith, Commissioner &c
May 20th, 1834

To his Excellency
Gov. Tazewell