

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Samuel O. Pettus VAS4130
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

In the House of Delegates/ Wednesday 9th of November 1791.

Resolved that the Petition of Samuel Overton Pettus late Lieutenant in the Regiment of Guards setting forth, that he enlisted in the ninth Virginia Regiment on the second day of March 1776, and continued to serve in the said Regiment until the fourth day of October 1777, at which time he was taken prisoner at the battle of Germantown, and remained in Captivity until the eighteenth of June 1778, at which time he was released from confinement, and returned to this State for the recovery of his health; that as soon as that was restored he on the thirteenth of January 1779, was appointed an Ensign in the said Regiment of Guards, and continued to serve as such until the tenth of June 1781, at which time the Regiment was discharged; that altho' he has served five years in the Army, from his services being performed in different Regiments, he is precluded from receiving that gratuity of Land; that has been granted to Officers, who have continued in uniform service for three years, and praying, that the same quantity of Land may be granted him, that hath been granted to Officers of the same rank, is reasonable.

1791 November 17th Teste Charles Hay C.H.D.

Agreed to by the Senate/ H. Brooke C.S.

A Copy Teste, Charles Hay C.H.D.

I do hereby Certify that Samuel O Pettus Gent. served as a Lieutenant in the Regiment of Guards raised by the State of Virginia, for the purpose of guarding the Convention Army; I well recollect Mr Pettus's service, but could not (until I had recourse to one of the Muster Rolls) say what his rank was in that Regiment. I can now with Certainty say that Mr. Pettus was Commissioned a Lieutenant, and that his Commission bore date the 8th day of October 1779.

Given under my hand this 9th day of November 1792.

James Wood [BLWt2419-500]

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James Wood.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To The Governor of Va

The memorial of Hugh Pettus sole heir of Samuel O Pettus respectfully states that his father was a Lieutenant of the Va Cont. line from an early period to the end of the war In 1791 his father rec'd. 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres.

The Journals of the House of Delegates of Va. of 24 Dec'r 1785, show conclusively, that he was in service from 2 march 1776 to the end of the war. After his captivity, he returned home on account of his feeble health, but soon after, accepted the lieutenancy in the Charlottesville Regt [regiment of Convention Army Guards of Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville VA] (which was directed to be filled, by the appointment of the Supernumerary & releved Continental Officers as far as it was practicable) & remained until it was disbanded.

At one time, it was doubted whether service in that Regt, entitled the Officer to bounty, & hence the application to the Legislature & hence also the petition as ensign which was his rank in the 9th Regt when taken prisoner

But now no doubt is entertained about that, being considered a Continental Regt. as much as any other, & all of the officers except Kenedy [James Kennedy] & Rucker have long since rec'd their Bounty.

The additional Bounty is now respectfully asked

by Thos Green/ Atto for Hugh Pettus

To the Lieut Governor of Virginia

The petition of Hugh M Pettus of Stokes County N.C. only heir of the late Lieut Sam'l. O. Pettus respectfully states that his ancestor was a Lieut. in the Regiment of Guards, raised to guard Burgoynes Army at the Albemarle Barracks. He entered the service on the 2^d March 1776 & served till the year 1781 when the regiment was disbanded & he became Supernumerary & continued so to the end of the war. Mr. Smith late Comm'r. of Revo. Claims in report to the Legislature Ref.[?] 35. 36 reports him as in service from 2^d March '76 till 10 June 81 when he became sup'y. & remained until the end of the war. I submit herewith – copy of the report of the Legislature of Virginia on 17 Nov. 1791 upon his petition.

By the report of the Comm'r it appears that he is entitled to add'l. Bounty Land from 2^d March 76 to the end which is now respectfully asked may be allowed him. Respectfully submitted by

T. Green Atto for the Petitioner

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental 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 18th day of July 1783, in the name of Samuel Pettis as a Lieut of Infantry for £192.4.9, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782. To Wit. Pay as Ens. from 13th Jan'y 79 to 8 Oct following & as Lt. from 8 Oct'r 79 to 10th June 1781.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 5th day of July 1837.

Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

1838 May 11 This officer by his own shewing went out of service in 1781

Rejected DC [Gov. David Campbell]