

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Arenton Wickliff, Benjamin Wickliff and Moses Wickliff VAS4983
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

To his Excellency the Governor and Members of the Privy Council in the State of Virginia
The Petition of Dorcas Kincheloe, formerly Dorcas Wickliff, Widow and Relict of Cornelius Kincheloe dec'd, that she is the full sister of Arronton Wickliff, Moses Wickliff and Benjamin Wickliff, her three Brothers, who enlisted in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, sometime in the Summer of 1776, in the County of Prince William, in a Company Company commanded by Capt. Jesse Davis [W8652], and marching from the Town of Dumfries in said County, joined a Regiment at Baltimore, and proceeding on to the North, were in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and served the full Term of three years, when in the Summer of 1779, they were discharged. Their discharges she has never seen; but beside the evidence of living witnesses to prove their said Service herewith furnished their names will be found on the Virginia Roll of the Army, as having been paid in 1784 the several sums they were then entitled to. That your Petitioner is the only heir at law of the said three Brothers, all of whom died without ever being married, and intestate. Your Petitioner [is] advised, that as such, she is entitled, as heir at Law of the said three Brothers, to the Bounty Land, which each of them became entitled to for their services as aforesaid & which was never granted them by the State of Virginia. She therefore prays, that a warrant may be issued to her, for the respective portions which each of her Brothers was entitled to, for their services as aforesaid, and your Petitioner, as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

On this 3rd day of June 1833, before me the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Prince William, in the State of Virginia, personally appears Hugh Davis [S10136], and makes Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that in the Summer of 1776, he enlisted in the Service of the United States in the Company of Captain McCormic [George McCormick] in the 13th Regiment, he thinks it was, to march on to join the Northern Army. That at or about the same time, Aranton Wickliff, Moses Wickliff, and Benjamin Wickliff, three Brothers enlisted in the company of Captain Jesse Davis in the 8th Regiment, to serve three years. That this Deponent who was to serve the same term, went on and fell in with these three Brothers, with whom he was well acquainted, and who, as well as himself, were all from the County of Prince William, Virginia. That they all joined the Northern Army, and were in the Battles of Brandy Wine, German Town, and Monmouth, and continued in the service until the term of three years service was fully ended in 1779, when he this Deponent joined Lee's [Lt. Col. Henry Lee] Cavalry and the three Mess'rs. Wickliff, returned home.

That he this Deponent well remembers these three Brothers being in the Minute Service in the lower Country during the Revolutionary war, but how long, he does not know.



State of Virginia
Fairfax County

On this 17 day of June in the year 1833 before me the subscriber, a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Sarah Mayhugh of said county eighty years old or thereabout, who having been duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth that sometime in the year 1776 three Brothers by the name of Arrington Wickliffe, Moses Wickliffe and Benjamin Wickliffe enlisted for three years, in the Company commanded by Captain Jesse Davis, and marched from Dumfries in the

County of Prince William under the command of the said Captain and Lieutenant Tyler, and joined the 9th Virginia Regiment at Baltimore, wintered at Valley Forge, and were in the Battles of Brandywine, German Town and Monmouth. This deponent having set out with the company from Dumfries with an intention of remaining with it whilst in service. [see endnote] after having served the time of three years for which they enlisted they were discharged and returned home, at which time this deponent also left the army but did not return with them, this deponent says she was well acquainted with Colonel [Daniel] Morgan and frequently saw General Washington and the Marquis [Lafayette]. Sarah herXmark Mayhugh

State of Virginia

Fairfax County to wit:

On this 17th day of June 1833, before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appears Hector Kincheloe of said County, aged 63 years, and makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that Benjamin Wickliff and Moses Wickliff, whose names will be found on the Rolls of the Virginia Line, as having served three years in the 8th Virginia Regiment, during the Revolutionary war and were in the Battles of Brandywine, German Town and Monmouth, are both dead and without issue, leaving a sister by the name of Dorcas Wickliff, who intermarried with Cornelius Kincheloe, and who is now a widow, residing in the County of Prince William Virginia, and entitled as the heir at Law to inherit the Bounty Land from the State of Virginia, to which the said Moses and Benjamin Wickliff became entitled, under the Law of Virginia, in consideration of the said service.

[signed] Hector Kincheloe

NOTE: Sarah Mayhugh was apparently a “camp follower”—one of many women, mostly unknown, who performed valuable services for troops.