

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William May VAS538

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

I do Certify that William May deceased enlisted in 3 Regiment L. Dragoons [Light Dragoons] for the War December 20, '79 and served faithfully until the action at Eutaw* [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] when he was killed was paid to the 1 at the close of the beautiful the Continental August 1780

*27 Augt. 1781 [sic]

S/ Wm Barret Capt.
Baylor's L. Dragoons
May 20, 1784

A Copy

S/ J. Pendleton

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The petition of Thomas May¹ and Molly May heirs at law of William May deceased to the Executive of Virginia

Humbly sheweth that their brother William May enlisted in the Virginia Infantry commanded by Captain William Campbell for the term of three years and served therein until honorably discharged there from and afterwards enlisted for the war in the 3rd Regiment of Light Dragoons commanded by Colonel George Baylor and was killed at the Battle of Eutaw Springs; that according to the enclosed papers the said William May served as a Sergeant in the last mentioned Regiment, and that his father Benjamin May only received a warrant for 200 acres of land due the said William May for his services as a Private in said Regiment = Wherefore your petitioners pray that certificates may be granted them to enable them to receive the land due the said William May for his extra services as a Sergeant in the 3rd Regiment of Light dragoons as also for his services in the Infantry and for the money that may be due him for the services rendered as aforesaid – and your Petitioners may ever pray

S/ Thomas May, X his mark
S/ Molly May, X her Mark

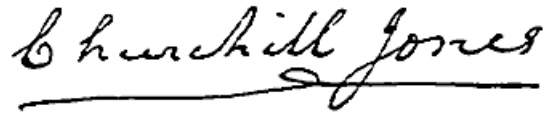
I do certify that William May was enlisted in the 3rd Regiment of Light Dragoons (commanded by Colonel George Baylor) on the 18th of December 1779 for the war. The said May was

¹ I think this is the same man as FPA S38175 filed in this database 3/29/13

appointed a Sergeant in the Regiment the date of his appointment I cannot ascertain – he had just been discharged from the Infantry of Virginia when he enlisted in the above named Regiment.

S/ Churchill Jones

9th July 1820

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Churchill Jones". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

It appears that a warrant of 200 acres issued 20th May 1784 to Benjamin May Heir at law to William May for the services of said William as a private of the Virginia Continental line who enlisted for the war and served 3 years – and it does not appear that any other warrant issued for the services of the said William Made.

S/ Thos. Miller, Clerk

Land Office 8th of August 1820