

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Megginson VAS635

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

State of Virginia

At a Court held for Buckingham County at the courthouse on Monday the 13 of May
1833

On the motion of Benjamin C Megginson and others the heirs at law and distributees of Joseph C Megginson deceased. It is ordered to be certified to the Governor and Council of the Commonwealth of Virginia and to the Department at Washington City having cognizance of claims for Revolutionary services that it appears to the court from the affidavits of David Kyle, Joseph Smith, Benjamin Fitzgerald, William Thornhill and Albion Gordon hereto annexed that William Megginson deceased formerly of this County, and who was the father of the said Joseph C Megginson now also deceased, joined one of the Virginia regiments on Continental establishment during the revolutionary war that his grade was that of Captain, and his Regiment when he joined it was commanded by Colonel afterwards General Morgan [Daniel Morgan], that the said William Megginson marched with his Company northward, and died in the service of his country before the close of the war: That it also satisfactorily appears to the Court that the said William Megginson died intestate, and that he left a widow & but one child the said Joseph C Megginson who was his sole heir at law. That administration of the estate of the said William Megginson was committed to his widow, who had also departed this life since whose death no administrator de bonis now have ever been appointed. That it also satisfactorily appears to the court that the said Joseph C Megginson have also about the year 1812 departed this life intestate and that administration of his estate has been committed to his widow Sarah Megginson and Robert Hanley, that the said Joseph C Megginson died leaving his said widow and the following children who were his distributees and heirs at law the is, Joseph C, William Archibald be, Samuel P, John R and Benjamin C Megginson sons and Elizabeth & Mary Jane daughters that the sons are still in full life that the daughter Elizabeth intermarried with a certain William Burkley [could be William Berkley?], and had by him issue to children, Sarah and Joseph Burkley, and died leaving her said husband William Burkley and her said children Sarah and Joseph Burkley, that since the death of the mother the said Sarah Burkley hath departed this life and infant under the age of 21 years, leaving her father the said William and her brother the said Joseph both of whom are still alive. That the said daughter, Mary Jane intermarried with a certain Nathaniel R Powell and had by him issue 3 children viz. Mary, Sarah and Virginia Powell when she died leaving her said husband and daughters aforesaid, that since the death of the said Mary Jane Powell her daughter Mary has also departed this life an infant under the age of 21 years leaving her said father Nathaniel R Powell and her said sisters Sarah & Virginia Powell all

of whom are still alive.

Buckingham County to wit

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, David Kyle 79 years who made oath that he has lived in 5 or 6 miles of the farm of Captain William Megginson with whom he was well acquainted, that the said Megginson early in the revolutionary war went in the regular Army, where he understood he died in said service before the close of the war. That said Megginson never did return to his farm, nor did he ever see or hear of said Megginson after he heard of his death; that said Megginson died leaving one son Joseph C Megginson his sole heir at law that the said Joseph C aforesaid is also dead leaving children. Given under my hand this 30 day of March 1833

S/ D. Ferguson

Nelson County to wit:

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Joseph Smith aged 77 years who made oath that he was a soldier of the war of the Revolution and during said war he was acquainted with a Captain William Megginson of the County of Buckingham that the said Megginson in the year 1776 marched from Manchester in Chesterfield County to Williamsburg Virginia 8 subaltern commissioned officer under Captain Nicholas Cabell, that the said Megginson was then promoted to Captain and joined one of the regular regiments of Virginia troops on Continental establishment, that the said Megginson marched northward and served until his death, where he understood he died in said service before the close of the war: that he never has seen or heard of the said Megginson after he heard of his death; that said Megginson died leaving one son Joseph C Megginson his sole heir at law, that the said Joseph C aforesaid is also dead leaving children. Given under my hand this 12 day of April 1833

S/ John H Mosby

Nelson County to wit

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Benjamin Fitzgerald¹ aged 73 years who made oath that he was a soldier of the Revolution and that during the said war, he was well acquainted with a certain William Megginson of the County of Buckingham that the said Megginson in 1777 was a commissioned officer (his grade not recollected) in service one of the regular regiments of Virginia troops on Continental establishment, the said William Megginson was never seen or heard from by the said Fitzgerald after the above date of 1777. Given under my hand this 16th day of March 1833

S/ John S. Cobbs

Buckingham County to wit:

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, William Thornhill² aged 74 years, who made oath that he has ever lived within 5 or 6 miles of the farm of Captain William Megginson, with whom he was well acquainted, that the said Megginson early in the Revolutionary War, went in the regular Army, where he understood he died while in said service before the close of the war, that said Megginson never did return to his

¹ FPA S13308

² [William Thornhill S14673](#)

farm, nor has he ever seen or heard of the said Megginson since the heard of his death; that said Megginson died leaving one son Joseph C Megginson his sole heir at law, that the said Joseph C is also dead leaving children. Given under my hand this 30 day of March 1833

S/ D Ferguson

Nelson County to wit:

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Albion Gordon³ aged 79 years, who made oath that he was a subaltern officer during the revolutionary war, and during said war he was well acquainted with a certain William Megginson of the County of Buckingham, that the said Megginson in the year 1776 or 77 was appointed a Captain in one of the regular regiments of original troops on Continental establishment under Colonel Daniel Morgan afterwards General Morgan, that the said Megginson marched northward, and served until his death where he died in said service before the close of the war, that the said Megginson died leaving one son Joseph C his sole heir at law, that the said Joseph C aforesaid is also dead, leaving 8 children his lawful heirs. Given under my hand this 13 day of March 1833.

S/ Richard Phillips

³ [Albion Gordon \(Gorden\) W7548](#)