

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Southy [Southard] Mills VAS695

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 4-page file indexed under "Southy Mills"

Princes Anne County Sct.

William J Woodhouse a Justice of the peace for the said County do hereby certify that Thomas Bonney¹ and William Cannon personally appeared before me and made oath that they were soldiers in the revolution, and knows [sic] that Southy Mills was either a non-commissioned officer or private in Captain Thomas Mathews Company for three years and a half and that Southy Mills was with Mathews at the North two or three years of the time and returned to this place with him, and that Jacob Mills is the lawful heir of said Southy Mills – I moreover certify that the said Thomas Bonney & William Cannon all worthy of credit as witnesses.

Given under my hand & seal this 20th November 1830.

S/ Wm Woodhouse, JP

I Thomas Bonney of the County of princes and aged 72 years do hereby certify that Southad [sic] Mills was a Soldier in the Virginia State line in the war of the Revolution and was three years in service and was honorably discharged. Given under my hand this 13th day of April 1832

S/ Thomas Bonney, X his mark

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 6-page file indexed under "Southard Mills"

Petition for Bounty Land

Southard Mills soldier Continental line

The credible witness proves that this soldier enlisted & served for three years: and his is in [indecipherable word] reports supported by another credible witness.

The name of Southy Mills is on the Army Register. He received the sum of £16.17.10 the balance of his full pay, as a Soldier. Southard, and Southy, Mills were probably the same Individual; whose name was written differently at different times. He appears to be entitled to land for a service of three years.

If your Excellency should be of the opinion that bounty land all to be allowed, it should

¹ [Thomas Bonney S6688](#)

be allowed for a service of 3 years, as Soldier of the Continental line.

Respectfully submitted
John H Smith, Commissioner &c
April 18, 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Tazewell

I John Pallett² of Princess Anne County do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Southard Mills. I have a Distinct recollection of his enlisting in the regular service at an early Period of the Revolutionary War he was from this County. I lived about five miles from him I recollect when he went away, he went out under Captain Mathews, and he was gone some long time, he was gone at least three years, I have a distinct recollection of his coming home, after he came home he acted as fogleman³ for our Battalion I was in the Militia service myself I was intimate with Southard Mills and I have frequently conversed with him about the war and I have heard him tell about a Battle he was in which took place in a book wheat field in which the Americans got defeated and nearly all the Americans got killed. As witness my hand and seal this 4th day of June A.D. 1833.

S/ John Pallett

I Thomas Bonney of Princess Anne County do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Southard Mills. I recollect distinctly that he enlisted in the regular service in the revolutionary war for the term of three years about the year 1777 and that he did not come home until three years had expired. I lived about four miles from him after he returned home he was raised in this County where I was born and raised at I saw him frequently after he came home he acted as Fogleman to the Battalion I was then, after he came home, and I was quite intimate with him, he was a good soldier. I was in the militia service myself. As witness my hand and seal this the 5th day of June A.D. 1833.

S/ Thomas Bonney, X his mark

² [John Pallett W5492](#)

³ Military term for a soldier selected to act as a guide and usually posted on the flanks with the duty of directing the march or movements of the unit under his direction.