

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Richard Muse VAS799

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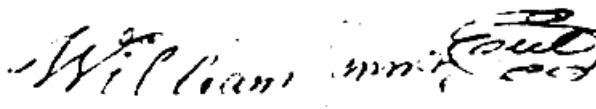
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do certify that I am now in my seventy fourth year of age and that I was well acquainted with Richard Muse who was a Lieutenant in the third Virginia Regiment of the Continental line and that he served until the end of the war and he was honorably discharged as witness my hand and seal this 26 day of May 1832

S/ William Cannon



[Acknowledged in Princess Anne County]

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 12th day of June, 17[^{last 2 digits illegible}] in the name of Richard Muse, as a Lieutenant of Infantry for £181.11.11, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to [Thomas Parker and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

To wit as Lieutenant from one January 1777 to 14 May 1779

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
13th day of December 1833.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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The following Officers of my Brigade who were sent to the State of Virginia upon the Recruiting Service are (in compliance with the instructions I have received from his Excellency General Washington) hereby ordered to join their respective regiments without loss of time – viz.:
Lieutenant Colonel Richerson, Lieutenant Colonel Gaskins, Major Lucas, Captain Val. Peyton, Lieutenant Cocke, Lieutenant Anderson, Lieutenant Smith, Lieutenant Miller, Lieutenant Stephens, Lieutenant Jesse Davis, Lieutenant Robert Young, Lieutenant William Powell, Lieutenant Thomas Ransdale, Captain Mosley, Lieutenant Isaiah Musks, Captain Buckner, Lieutenant William White, Lieutenant John Lapsley, Lieutenant John Nelson, Lieutenant Thomas Quirk, Lieutenant Isaac Webb, Captain Thomas Edmonds, Lieutenant Robert Mabry, Lieutenant Thomas Lewis, Lieutenant Richard [last name illegible], Lieutenant William Smith, Lieutenant

Phil Mallory, Lieutenant James Crain, Lieutenant Binns Jones, Lieutenant Robert Tribleble [?], Lieutenant James Stewart, Lieutenant John Epps Scott – Lieutenant James Burton, Lieutenant John Cole, Lieutenant Beverly Stubblefield, & Lieutenant John Gordon.

Given under my hand High Lands upon North River this 23rd day of September 1778

S/ Wm Woodford, Brig. Genl.

Sir,

you are requested to publish the enclosed order in your paper for 3 weeks – I am

Sir,

Your Obedient Humble Servant

S/ Wm Woodford

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24th September 1778

To Mr. Albert Purdi

[pp 14-15: The petition of the heirs of this veteran for the issuance of his bounty land entitlement. The document is largely illegible as posted.]

[p 17]

I certify that I was well acquainted with Richard Muse in the war of the revolution. He resided in the County of Westmoreland & was a Lieutenant in the regular Army. In the year 1778 at [one or more words illegibly faint] said County, I was with him, he being dressed up in his regimentals. A short time after he returned to the Army, as I understood & did not returned to Westmoreland County to my knowledge until after the siege of York after which I again saw him. It was the current report that he was in the Army, & I have no doubt but he remained with the Army here after the siege of York – I was at that period the adjutant in Westmoreland County.

S/ Samuel Templeman¹



[Attested in Westmoreland County November 18, 1833]

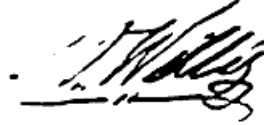
[p 19]

I Robert Willis of the County of King & Queen and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Richard Muse of Westmoreland County, who was an officer, and I'm a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, but to what line he belonged, whether state or Continental, or who was his Captain I am unable to say. The said Richard Muse recruited or assisted in recruiting his company, with which, he marched to the North sometime about the year 1777 or 78. I was very near joining said Muse's Company myself, but he marched away before I made up my mind to do so. I remained in Westmoreland, where I was born & raised several years after that time, say until the year 1780, when I removed to Richmond County, from there to King & Queen County & afterwards to Gloucester. From Gloucester I returned to King & Queen where I have resided ever since. I never saw the said Richard Muse after he went to the North, and [indecipherable word] perfectly [indecipherable word] he did not return from the North before I left Westmoreland which was in the year 1780. I always understood & believed, that the said Richard Muse was engaged in active service whilst he was away from his native County, and

¹ [Samuel Templeman S6204](#)

have no doubt on my own mind that he was in service more than 3 years of that however I cannot speak with any sort of certainty as I was not with him. I was in the militia service myself during the greater part of the war, in the counties of Westmoreland, Richmond and Gloucester, and was at Yorktown – as witness my hand and seal, this 7th day of November A.D. 1833.

S/ Robert Willis



[Acknowledge in King & Queen County November 30, 1833.]

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I certify that I served in the revolutionary war with Lieutenant Richard Muse of Westmoreland County – I was at the battle of the great bridge and also at the burning of Norfolk – Lieutenant Muse was also there & in service. How long he had then been in service I do not know – In April 1777, I left the service & returned home – when I quit, I left Lieutenant Muse in service.

S/ David Blackwell²



[Acknowledged in Prince William County November 29, 1837]

Westmoreland County State of Virginia

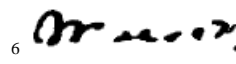
I Samuel Templeman of said County, aged nearly seventy-four, do hereby Testify on Oath, that I was well and intimately acquainted with Richard Muse from a youth until his death, having been born and raised in the same neighborhood. That early in the Revolutionary war and while the 3rd Virginia Regiment was stationed at [indecipherable word or abbreviation]³ Court House for a few days, Richard Muse appeared with his uniform and it was said and Confidently believed that he had a Lieutenant's Commission either this or the 5th Virginia Regiment; That he marched to the North with one or the other of these Regiments in Company with Alexander Parker and Robert Beale (now Major Beale[)],. That he was gone a Considerable time for it was understood these Regiments were raised to serve three years. That I was in Westmoreland when he returned from the service. He was afterwards commissioned as Captain of a Militia Company in said County which he [indecipherable word]⁴ with honor to himself until his death. He married a Miss Strother of King George County by whom he had the following children: Catharine who married James [paper damaged and name illegible]⁵, Alexander P [indecipherable last name]⁶, Fanney, Harriet, Elizabeth, Richard, Henry, Lucy, and Meredith, the most of which

² [David Blackwell W9358](#)

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children I was well acquainted. I further state upon oath that I was well acquainted with [indecipherable name]⁷ Muse the Brother of Richard Muse who lived with Thomas Muse on the Eastern Shore either of Maryland or Virginia, he served in a Regiment from one or the other marched to the North and died with the Small Pox, and further this affiant saith not

S/ Samuel Templeman

Sworn to this 31st day of December 1831 before us Justices of the Peace for Westmoreland County given under our hands the day and date above written.

S/ indecipherable signature

S/ William H Taliaferro