

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Information relating to William Stevenson BLWt2212-200

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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 20th day of June 1783, in the name of William Stevenson, as a Lieutenant of Artillery for £306.9.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

To wit – pay as Lieutenant of Artillery from 1st of November 1777 to 31st December following

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
22nd day of February 1838.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

State of Virginia

In a court held for Norfolk County, February 19th 1838 satisfactory evidence was adduced in court, to prove that Frances Mallory the widow of Charles R Mallory deceased is the only heir at law of William Stevenson deceased formerly of Little York in the County of York who was a Captain in the Army of the Revolution and served as such to the end of the war in the ___ and ___ at law in fee to ___ late a ___ in the ___ Regiment

I William H Wilson clerk of the County Court, do certify that the above evidence is taken from the records in my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my official seal, this 2nd day of May 1838

S/ Wm H. Wilson

I hereby certify that it appears from an agreement made and entered into between Lieut. General Leslie &c and Major General Green [Nathanael Greene] &c relative to an exchange of Officers Prisoners of War belonging to the Southern Army, on the 23rd day of October 1782 that William Stevenson a Lieutenant of the 1st Regiment of Artillery, who was captured on the 3rd of May 1781 – was one of the Officers exchanged.

See 2nd volume of papers concerning the Army of the Revolution

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office at Richmond this 24 day of March 1838

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Aud.

[very faint]

it appears from the records of the Office of the Register of the Treasury that the commutation of Lieutenant William Stevenson of Colonel Harrison's Regiment of Artillery of the Virginia line was paid on the 20th of April 1796 – see [illegibly faint word or words] letter of the 29th of

March 1838 to the Honorable J. R. Underwood. [Joseph Rogers Underwood, Whig Party member of the House of Representatives for Ky from 1835-1852]

The [Virginia State Library](#) online collection relating to bounty land claims contains the following documents relating to this veteran:

To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia

The Memorial of the undersigned Frances L Mallory of Norfolk Virginia states that she is the only child of William Stevenson a Lieutenant in Harrisons Artillery during the Revolutionary War and to it appears from evidence compiled in the executive Department of Richmond & from a report made by John H Smith by order of the Legislature of Virginia is entitled to __ acres of land being for additional Land bounty for said Stevenson's services till the close of the Revolutionary War. The original bounty Land amounting to 2666 2/3 acres has been received – your memorialist therefore respectfully prays that she be allowed the said bounty being the only heir of said Stevenson as appears from evidence submitted herewith – And your memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Frances L Mallory
March 4, 1838

*Frances L. Mallory
March 4, 1838-*

I do certify that William Stevenson served in Colonel Charles Harrisons Regiment of Artillery as Lieutenant until his death. I think he was commissioned in 1777 and died in 1783 –

S/ Anthony Singleton
late Captain 1st Regiment Artillery

Richmond 5th April 1786

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Gloucester Town March 10th, 1786[?]

Sir

Mrs. Stevenson widow of William Stevenson late Lieutenant in the 1st Regiment of

Artillery having applied to me for a Certificate certifying the Death of her Deceased Husband in order to assist her claim for the seven years half pay allowed by Congress.

Mr. Stephenson was taken prisoner by a body of Symcoe's Horse while on duty [?] in York Town in April 1781 and obtained a parole with liberty to return home in which situation he continued to the end of the War he died [one or more indecipherable words] of this County in August 1783 he received his arrears for [one or more indecipherable words] before his death the widow only claims the half pay for the Heir at law which I think she is fully entitled to.

5th April 1786

I and Your Most Obedient

Rec'd a certificate for as

Humble Servant

Land Warrant

S/ Samuel Cary

? Thomas

I do certify that what Major Cary has Certified above is just and true to my knowledge.

S/ Samuel Eddins

Captain 1st Regt. Artillery

[The above letter and certificates certified as a true copy from the originals]