

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Callis S16683

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State of Virginia

County of Mathews

On the 8th day of May 1834 Personally appeared before me a A M Braxton Justice of the Court of Mathews County William Callis a resident of the County of Mathews and State of Virginia aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benifit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. that he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated I entered the service in 1780 by an order of Sir John Payton Col'n. [sic: Col. Sir John Peyton] to Holder Hudgens Capt. [sic: Capt. Houlder Hudgins] to enroll me I was called out to Cricket hill and served a tower of duty for three months in 1781 I was called out in like order at the same place under the same officers and served a tower of duty for two months in the same year, called out when all the Gloscester malitia [sic: Gloucester Militia] was called out to go to Gloscester town I marched to Gloscester Court house and from there to Hubards Old field [sic: Hubbard's Old Field near the line between Gloucester and King and Queen counties] then marched to Sowell's Old field [sic: Seawell's Old Field near Gloucester] and then down to Gloscester Town where we had a very severe engagement on that tower of duty I served three months in 1782 I was called out under Holder Hudgins at the guard house of Cricket hill and served a tower of duty for two months, in the same year called out in like order at the same place, under the same officers and served a tower of duty for two months and a half I served all the time as a private and for such service I claim a pension I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name in not on the pension roll of the agency of any state I was born in 1765 in Gloscester County Kingston parish I have no record of my age, I was living in Gloscester County Kingston parish, when called in to service. I have lived there ever since I was called in to service as a malitia man I never received no writin discharge I was acquainted with Col'n. Baswell, Col'n. Payton, Col'n. Cary. I can prove my services, by Gabrial Hughes [sic: Gabriel Hughes, pension application W19836] and Hugh Hudgins [S10884] who can also testify to my character.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Wm Callis

[25 June 1834] Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Mathews in the State of Virginia, William Callis who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that the reason of his being called out at Cricket Hill to do duty at the different times mentioned in his declaration that he made before a Justice of the Court in consequence of bodily infirmity in order to obtain a pension from the united states on the 8th of may 1834 is as followers. in the yearly part of the Revolutionary war in 1777 [sic: 1776] as well as I recollect Lord Dunmore came and took possession of Guyn's Island [sic: Gwynn Island], and settled his fleet there Guyn's Island lay on Cesapeak bay [sic: Chesapeake Bay] opossit Cricket Hill Col'n. Payton ordered a guard there and they had possession of the Island the whole war on and off. there was a steady guard kept there to prevent them from coming on the mane to plunder the neighbourhood. I wallunteered my self and stood guard at Cricket Hill before I was sixteen years old until the end of the war after I became 16 years of age the Col'n. had me enrolled and I served as I have stated in my declaration according to the best of my knowledge all the old people that are now living that was in the war of the Revolutionary know that there was a steady guard kept at Cricket Hill and point comfort. whilst we were stationed at the guard House at Cricket Hill we had many little engagement with the barges when they would attempt to land on our shores the number of them I do not recollect. the reason I was called out to go to Glocester-town C Wallis was at yorktown with his fleet [sic:

Cornwallis with his land forces, 1 Aug - 19 Oct 1781] and we marched down to drive them off when we had a very severe engagement we left some men at the guard House at Cricket Hill to guard that place
William hisXmark Callis