

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hilliard (Hiliard) S38033

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State of Virginia Charles City County to wit:

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court of the State aforesaid and Judge of the first judicial Circuit personally appeared Joseph Hilliard aged fifty-six years in May next, resident in the County of Charles City in the said Circuit, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War:" That he the said Joseph Hilliard enlisted in the year 1776 in the County of Charles City in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Rose of the Sixth Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until he was transferred to the Fourth Regiment in which he served except during the time he was a prisoner, until after the siege of York when he was discharged from service in Richmond in the State of Virginia. That he was in the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], was at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], was in the American Army at Charleston when he was taken prisoner [May 12, 1780]; and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the accompanying affidavit.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Semple [Judge]

Virginia 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit to wit

Personally appeared before me James Semple a Judge of the General Court and the Judge of the said Circuit Samuel Leonard aged fifty-eight in July next who being duly sworn deposed and said that he was at Brown's Quarter in the County of Charles City when Joseph Hilliard was also in the year 1776 and then the said Hilliard enlisted as a soldier in the service of the United States received his bounty and deposited a part of it with the father of the deponent until he should return. He then understood that his enlistment was for three years, and somewhere about the expiration of the three years the said Hilliard who had been continually [indecipherable word] from his Enlistment in the service returned home bringing with him a furlough, and as this deponent then understood and believes to be true, the said Joseph had reenlisted for the War in the Continental Army, and on the expiration of his furlough he returned to the Army and served during the remainder of the War, and the deponent always understood and believes to be true; that he did not return home till after the end of the War, and it has been always understood in the

neighborhood and by those acquainted with the said Joseph that he served faithfully during the War against Great Britain.

Witness my hand & seal this 24 day of April 1818

S/ James Semple [Judge]

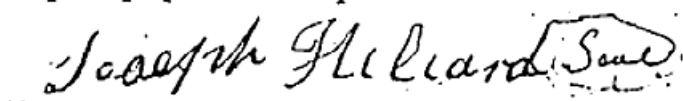
[p 21: Edmund Binns and Richard Waddell gave separate affidavits substantially identical to that given by Samuel Leonard as transcribed above and attested by James Semple. Neither affiants stated that they served with the veteran.]

State of Virginia County of Charles City } Viz.

I Joseph Hilliard of Charles City County aged fifty-seven years, a citizen of the United States do upon oath testify and declare that in the year 1780 I enlisted in the Army of the revolution against the common enemy of my country for the term of "during the war," and served in the company commanded by Captain John Stokes and in the Regiment No. Six under command of Colonel Neville [John Neville] of the Virginia line, and continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war in 1783, when I was regularly discharged from the said sixth Regiment, commanded by Colonel Neville.

My discharge is now lost or mislaid, so that I cannot produce it to corroborate the above statement. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I assigned or transferred my claim to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever: therefore, know all men, by these presents that I Joseph Hilliard of the County aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint John Tyler of the County of Charles City and State of Virginia to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, or such other person as is duly authorized to issue and deliver the same; a warrant for the quantity of Land due me as aforesaid, and to sign a receipt or acquittance therefore; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him for the special purposes above expressed.

S/ Joseph Hilliard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Hilliard" followed by a flourish.

[Attested June 15, 1820]

State of Virginia Charles City County Viz.:

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for said County Joseph Hilliard aged 57 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and first of May 1820. That he the said Joseph Hilliard enlisted for the term of during the war on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year 1780 in the company commanded by Captain John Stokes in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Neville in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps until the end of the war, when he was discharged at Richmond in the State of Virginia. That he was in the battles of Monmouth, of Stony Point in the siege of Charleston where he was taken prisoner, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services other than that heretofore forwarded to the War Department. That for his services aforesaid, under the act of 18<sup>th</sup> of March

1818, he received a pension Certificate dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1819 the pension to commence from 4 day of March 1819 [sic 1818]

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz.: 1 table, 2 pine chest, 4 rush-bottomed chairs, 3 open barrels [?], 1 pickling tub, 1 iron pot, 1 Dutch oven, 1 pair pot hooks and racks, 2 water pails and 1 washing tub –

That he is a Farmer by occupation and is in such feeble health as not to be able to support himself and that his family consist of his wife aged 58 years, a young daughter 17 years old and at this time his 2 sons upwards of 21 years old, and who work for their own benefit.

S/ Joseph Hilliard, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 24, 1818 for service as a private for 5 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)  
Virginia

In Charles City County Court September the 17<sup>th</sup> 1818 – Ordered that it be certified that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court by the testimony of John Boury and Edmund Binns that Joseph Hilliard enlisted under Captain Collin Cocks in the year 1776 in the Virginia line on Continental establishment for three years and after being discharged enlisted for during the war under Captain John Stokes and continued till the end of the war.

A copy            Teste: S/ Ro. W. Triestian [?], CC Clk.

23 August 1783 a Warrant for 200 acres issued to Joseph Hilliard for his services as a Soldier of the Virginia Continental line during the war. This warrant issued upon a Certificate from the Executive of 22 August 1783 that Hilliard was entitled to the proportion of land allowed a private &c who had enlisted for the war & served 3 years.

S/ William Pendleton, Reg. 11 Jan'y 1819

[Note: this file contains 2 split-image documents which each contains a small portion of 2 separate documents. One appears to be an affidavit by the veteran.]

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

This Certifies that Joseph Hilliard a Soldier Enlisted during the War in Captain Stokes's Company and 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel John Neville was made a prisoner with his Colonel by the British at the capture of Charles town [Charleston South Carolina, May 12, 1780]. That in the summer of the year 1780 I had him taken out of the prison Ship to wait upon me at Haddrell's Point, and continued in that Capacity ever since until this Day, and in all

that time found him to be a Sober honest young man.

I further Certify that the said Joseph Hilliard received no part of his pay, by my order or direction, or to my knowledge since lived with me. Given under my hand at Savannah in Georgia this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1783.

S/ Lachlan McIntosh

Brigadier General in the Continental Service

This Certifies that Joseph Hilliard, a Soldier  
Enlisted during the War, in Captain Stokes's Company  
and Second Virginia Regiment, Commanded by  
Colonel John Neville, was made a prisoner  
with his Colonel, by the British, at the capture  
of Charlestown. - That in the summer of the  
Year 1780, I had him taken out of the Prison  
at Charlestown, to wait upon me at Haddrell's point,  
and continued in that capacity ever since until  
this Day, and in all that time found him to  
be a sober honest young man. -  
I further Certify that the said Jos. Hilliard  
received no part of his pay, by my order or di-  
-rection, or to my knowledge since he lived  
with me. - Given under my Hand  
at Savannah in Georgia this Nineteenth Day  
of May 1783.  
Lachlan McIntosh  
Brigadier General in the Continental Service