

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Day S39408

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Ch's. City county State of Virginia to wit:

On this 21st day of August in the year of our Lord 1818 before us the subscribers justices of the peace and Judges of the county court of Charles City personally appears William Day aged 57 years resident in the county of Charles City in the State of Virginia who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the pervision 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 William Day enlisted on the [blank] day of September in the year 1779 [sic: 1780] in the county of Ch's. City in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Scott of the 2^d Virg'a Regiment on continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said corps or in the service of the U.S. until the [blank] day of January 1781 [sic: 1782] when he was discharg'd from service at Salsbury [sic: Salisbury] in the State of North Carolina. That he was in the battles of Guilford courthouse [15 Mar 1781], Cambden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] and '96 [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] 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.

State of Virginia, Chas. City County Viz:

on this 17th day of August in the year 1820, before us the subscribers Justices of the peace and Judges of the County Court of Chas. City being a Court of record for said County personally appeared William Day aged Fifty nine years, resident in the County af'd. and in the state af'd. who being first duly sworn according to Law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by an act of Congress entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the u. states during the revolutionary war." That he the said Wm Day enlisted in or about the month of June or July 1778 in the County of Chas City in the State of Virginia for the term of eighteen months and at Chesterfield Courthouse, in the State af'd. he enter'd the company commanded by Capt Joseph Scott under the command of Col Sam'l Hawes [Samuel Hawes], of the 2^d Virginia Reg't. on continental establishment. That he was detachd to the South to join General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and that after serving there some time Capt. Scott either resigned or was otherwise absent and Captain John Barber took command of the company. That he continued to serve in said corps untill December 1779, when he was discharged at Sallisbury in the State of N Carolina. That he was in battle of Guilford courthouse, at Camden, at '96 and at Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] and that for his services af'd. he has heretofore rec'd a pension certificate dated the 10th day of February 1819, to commence from the 21st August 1818 and No 6778.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th 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 seven rush bottomed chairs, 2 pine tables, 1 loom, ½ dozen plates 2 pewter dishes ½ dozen knives and forks, 3 Tubs 1 Water pail, 1 Pigin, 2 hilling hoes, 2 Iron pots 1 spider 1 meal sieve 1 bread Tray ½ dozen cups and saucers, 2 chests 2 spinning wheels, 1 sow and seven pits 2 axes 12 Dunghill fowls and one pine cupboard

That he is by profession a farmer

William Day

That he is by profession a farmer and rents small piece of land but does not have enough to support himself, that his family consists of his wife aged 59 years, and always unwell a son now of full age and who works for his own benefit & Two daughters grown and of full age who by their labor at the Wheel and Loom cloth themselves and the rest of the family

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following:
William Day/ age 18/ height 5 6½/ farmer/ born and residing in Charles City County/ hair light brown/ eyes hazel/ complexion swarthy/ enlisted 12 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

A Treasury-Department document states that the children of William Day received the final pension payment up to the day of his death, 29 Jan 1837.