

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Bills S39992

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U. States

District of Pennsylvania St.

County of Philadelphia

Be it remembered that on this thirty first day of April [sic] AD 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas for the County of Philadelphia came William Bills, of the County of Philadelphia who being duly sworn according to law on his solemn oath declareth & saith that he this deponent regularly entered and enlisted in the service of the Continental establishment under Col. Daniel Morgan in the Eleventh (afterwards 7th) Regiment of U. States Infantry, in the Company commanded by Capt. Fortyfield [sic: Charles Porterfield], (Lieut. Town) at Radnor near "Valley Forge," near Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) on or about the fifth day of June A.D seventeen hundred & seventy eight (A.D. 1778) that this deponent continued in the said service (and was in the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] until the twenty ninth day of December AD seventeen hundred & seventy nine, when this deponent was regularly discharged from the said service, & William Death substituted in place of deponent, who (with the consent of the proper officers) took the place of this deponent & as deponent has heard understood & verily believes served the full term of the engagement of deponent. That deponent has served more than one year in the service of the U. States on the Continental establishment (as appears by the papers hereto annexed which are original & signed by the persons whose names appear thereto. That deponent is unable to offer any other Testimony than what is hereto annexed. That by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is need of assistance from his Country for support, & is a native born resident Citizen of the U. States, residing in said County of Philadelphia & hereby relinquishes all claim to any other pay or pension whatsoever from the U. States to which he may be entitled he never having received or expects any therefrom.

Sworn and subscribed before me this thirty first day of March AD eighteen hundred & eighteen 1818

[signed] Willm. Bills

[The following is extremely faded.]

This is to Certify that I Receiv'd of Sergeant William Bills of the Seventh Virga Regiment the sum of Two Hundred & Fifty dollars the 29th day of December 1779 [illegible word] in his place in the said Regiment till the 5th day of June 1780

Given under my hand this said day Philadelphia

Witness/ W. Amondion[?]/ Thomas Davis

William Death

NOTE: One John Cloud stated that he had known William Bills for 40 years, "having served apprenticeship at the same time."