

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Digges S8327                      VA  
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State of Virginia        }  
County of Mathews    } to wit

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of Mathews county now sitting, William Digges a resident of Mathews county and State of Virginia aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

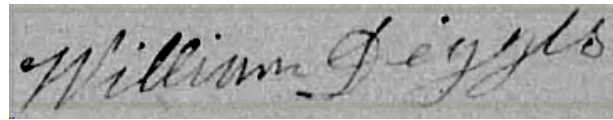
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered under Captain Josiah Foster, Joshua Foster Lieu. John Foster Ensign, Colo Sir John Peyton Major [Thomas] Boswell Major Throgmorton [Throckmorton?] were the field officers – at the time Lord Dunmore came to Gwynn’s Island [Gwynn Island, 9 Dec 1775], as soon as he got on the muster roll Capt Richard Billups made up a volunteer company to go to Point Comfort and he joined him – and the left the service after the siege of York in October 1781 He was in two engagements at New Point Comfort in the first engagement Richard Billups was Capt John Gayle 1<sup>st</sup> Lieu. Thomas Gayle 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieu. and Henry Forest Ensign – in the second engagement Colo Peyton was in command, Josiah Foster was his Captain Joshua Foster Lieu. and John Foster Ensign. He resided in Kingston Parish Gloucester County when he entered the service and has resided there ever since his discharge – entered as a volunteer at first afterwards he was called out as a militia-man he served during the whole war – he marched through apart of King & Queen at the time [Capt. Philip] Tabb and [Houlder] Hudgins had one hundred and twenty five volunteers to go to Richmond they crossed at the brick house [on York River in New Kent County S of present West Point] got ten or twelve miles into New Kent and heard that Arnold was coming down the river [Gen. Benedict Arnold, [early Jan 1781], they were then ordered to Williamsburg from there they went to Burwells ferry on the James River [Hog Island to Carters Grove], saw the fleet pass down. He does not recollect any of the regiments or companies of the continental line. He was under Captains Peter Barnett Isaac Foster and Robert Gayle during his service at the time he went to Glou. Town he was under Houlder Hudgins and Philip Tabb. He was acquainted with James Baytop who went out [into service as] Lieu. and came in [from service as] Colo. John Baytop who went out Ensign & came in Major, and Capt Charles Tompkins of the continental line. He has no documentary evidence to show the time of his entry or discharge he had no written discharge He can prove his service by Anthony Hudgins [pension application S10883] and Isaac Smith [S11427] he served greatly over two years that he is satisfied of from the time he entered and from the proportion of his was on duty. He was born in Kingston Parish Gloucester County in 1760 December 18<sup>th</sup>, the register of his age he now produces in court. He was only a private

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.        Wm. hisXmark Deggs

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Mathews in the State of Virginia, William Digges who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot now swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection it was not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades to wit: For one month I served at New Point Comfort as a private militiaman in Captain Richard Billup’s company ordered out by Colo Sir John Peytons command out of the county Captn Richard Billups made up fifty men by order of the Colo and I volunteered among others – I next went there under my former Captain Josiah Foster and served two months on guard at Point Comfort in the year 1777 I served for two months & fifteen days at the same place under the same officers in the year 1778, I served[?] for three months at the same place under the same officers in the year 1779, in these

three last tours we were ordered out by the Colo and I served as a private militia man. In the year 1780 the day after the Christmast Holidays, I was ordered on a tour to Richmond but we did not get quite there, then we marched to Williamsburg and to James town at the time Arnold went up James River, I served on that tour three months as a private militia-man under Capt Philip Tabb and Lieutenant Houlder Hudgins; when lord Corn Wallice came to little York on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1781 [sic: Cornwallis, 1 Aug 1781] I was called out with the Gloucester militia in Captain Robert Gayle's company to Hubbard's Old field, from thence we marched to Seawells's old field and continued at G. Town which is close by, during the seige of York, when we got on the enemy's line we were put under General Weedon [sic: George Weedon]. I served on this tour three months as a private militia man. I do not recollect the number of the regiment to which I was attached but it was the regiment of militia for the county of Gloucester commanded by Colo Sir John Peyton. And for such service during the Revolutionary War amounting to fourteen months and fifteen days I claim a pension. I was engaged in no civil employment during the periods mentioned in this declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed before me a  
Justice of the Peace for the said County  
October 28<sup>th</sup> 1833  
John N. Sale J.P.

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "William Digges" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Certified by Isaac Smith and Richard Hurst, pension application S9593.]

NOTE: A document in the file states that Digges died on 27 Aug 1841.