

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Basil Middleton¹ W18522

Mary Middleton

f32VA

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Know all men by these presents that I Basil Middleton of the City of Richmond and State of Virginia have this day appointed Thomas D Harris of the City of Richmond and State of Virginia my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to ask, and received from the United States, four hundred fifty acres of land due me in consideration of my services as Surgeon in the Army of the United States to the end of the late War with Great Britain under the command of Colonel William Russell agreeable to an Act of Congress – And from moreover request, and direct Henry Dearborn Esquire Secretary of War for the time being or his Successors to deliver to the said Thomas D Harris, my true and lawful attorney, or to his order, a Warrant or warrants for the aforesaid land, Hereby ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever my said attorney shall or may do by virtue of these Presents. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal and subscribed my name thereto with my own hand this 3rd day of July 1807.

Witness

S/ R. Gamble²

S/ Tho Carr

S/ Richardson Henley

S/ B. Middleton {Seal}

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive that reads "B. Middleton" followed by a circular seal impression. The seal appears to contain the word "Seal" in a stylized font. Below the signature, there is a small, faint mark that looks like a registered trademark symbol (®).

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I do certify that Doctor Basil Middleton was appointed Surgeon to the 9th Virginia Regiment (to which I was Lieutenant Colonel) sometime in December 1777, and that he has served as surgeon in the Virginia Line until the last arrangement (as well as I recollect) which was sometime last January, when the whole Line was reduced to only one Regiment.

Given under my hand this 16th of October 83 [1783]

B. Ball, Lt. Col. Comd: [Burgess Ball]

In the V. Line

[Facts in file: letter dated June 2, 1930 contains the following summary of the content of the documents in this file:

¹ BLWt358-450

² Attestation contains the statement that Robert Gamble was a Captain in the Continental Army

I advise you from the papers in Revolutionary War pension claim, W. 18522, it appears that Basil Middleton was appointed in December, 1777, surgeon and served until the close of the war in Colonel William Russell's Virginia Regiment.

He died in 1808 in Prince George County, Virginia.

The soldier married in September, 1788, Miss Mary Belchers or Belcher.

She died September 15, 1841 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Cargill in Sussex County Virginia.

Their children were:

first child, name not given, died when he was 4 months old;

Benjamin, of Petersburg, Virginia, died leaving neither wife nor children;

George, who died without heirs;

Aubin, who married and left 2 sons, author and George B.

Author and George B Middleton were allowed pension due their grandmother, Mary, widow of Basil Middleton.

There is no further data as to the family.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2 files: 2-pages + 5 pages

[First file (2 pages) contains the certificate of Burgess Ball transcribed in the above pension file.]

[Second, 5-page file]

[Contains a power of attorney dated June 24, 1807 given by Basil Middleton empowering Thomas D Harris to receive the land bounty due to him (Middleton) from the State of Virginia.]

I do hereby certify that Basil Middleton was acting as a Surgeon's mate to the 6th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in the month of February 1776, afterwards promoted. Given under my hand this 30th May 1807

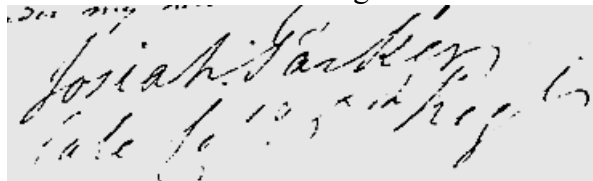
Test

S/ William Lightfoot

S/ Thomas Smelly

S/ Josiah Parker

Late Colonel 5th Regiment

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature appears to read "Josiah Parker" followed by some less legible text, possibly "Late Col 5th Regt".

A warrant for 6000 acres has issued to Basil Middleton as a Surgeon of the Continental line & no more.

S/ Wm Price, Regr.

June 23, 1807

I do certify that I saw Basil Middleton acting as a Surgeon's mate to the 6th Virginia Regiment on

Continental establishment about the first of March 1776.

Given under my hand this 1st May 1807

Test

S/ Richard H Bell

S/ John Bell, Late

Lieutenant 6th Virginia Regiment

*John Bell Late
Lieut 6th Virginia Regiment*

I do hereby certify that Doctor Basil Middleton was in the service of the United States to the end of the late war with Great Britain –

Given under my hand this 19th of June 1807

S/ Colin Cocke, Late

Captain & Pay master to the

2 Va. Regiment

Colin Cocke