

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mills W4550

Sarah Mills

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State of Virginia County of Halifax: SS

On this the 20 day of June 1845 personally appeared before me Elisha Barksdale Junior a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Sarah Mills a resident of Virginia in the County of Halifax aged ninety-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of John Mills who was a Lieutenant in the Army of the Revolution. She states her deceased husband John Mills resided in the County of Henrico Virginia near the city of Richmond when he entered the service in the year 1775 as well as she can recollect a company commanded by Captain Miles Selden & was attached to the first Virginia Regiment that was raised on Continental establishment which said Regiment was commanded by Colonel Patrick Henry and afterwards by Colonel Christian and that her said husband remained in the service until near the close of the War which she thinks will fully appear by reference to the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonels Henry and Christian. She states that her husband was during the war frequently at home upon furlough that he remained but a short period before he returned to the Army that he never quit the service till the fall of the year 1781 at which time he was honorably discharged which discharge has long since been lost or mislaid. She further declares that she was married to the said John Mills in the County of Henrico in the fall of the year 1772, that her husband the said John Mills died in the year 1818 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

S/ Sarah Mills, X her mark

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 12th day of June 1783, in the name of John Mills, as a Ensign for £65.17.2, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Gibson and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

To wit – pay as Ensign from 6 August 79 to 31st December 1781

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
28th day of June 1845.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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I do Certify that Lieutenant John Mills of the Virginia Continental line entered into the service of the United States on the 21 day of December 1776 and that he yet continues in Actual service.

Given under my hand this 31st day of March 1783

S/ Jno. Gibson, Colo.

[Certified by William H Richardson on February 13, 1851 as a true copy of papers on file in the executive Department of the state of Virginia.]

[p 4: On June 25, 1845 in Halifax County Virginia, Sarah Mills, widow of John Mills, an applicant for a pension stated that her husband John A family register in his lifetime in a small book entitled *Companion to the Altar* and that he recorded the births of their children commencing with their son John who was born in 1774. She signed this affidavit with her mark.]

[p 3: Certificate dated May 27, 1850 issued by the Court of Halifax County Virginia stating that Sarah Mills widow of John Mills a resident of Halifax County Virginia died June 10, 1848 survived by 6 children namely John, Samuel, James, Hezekiah, Elizabeth Harper and Nancy Tuck who are still living.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$240 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for his service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia service. Her pension was subsequently increased to \$320 per month