

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Wyatt Mills W5381

Sally Mills

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State of Virginia Albemarle County: SS

On this 13th day of April 1842 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Sally Mills a resident of Albemarle County aged 73 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows;["] That she is the widow of Wyatt Mills, who she believes served as a soldier in the war of the revolution but from the long time since he died and the loss of her memory (in consequence of ill health) she cannot now state anything relative to his services as a soldier; but beg[s] leave to refer to the evidence that will accompany her declaration: She further declares that she was married to the said Wyatt Mills to the best of her recollection and belief in the month of December in the year of 1785, that her maiden name before marriage was Sally Starke. She begs leave to refer to the annexed evidence proving of her marriage that her husband the aforesaid Wyatt Mills died to the best of her recollection in the month of January 1808. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

S/Sally Mills, X her mark

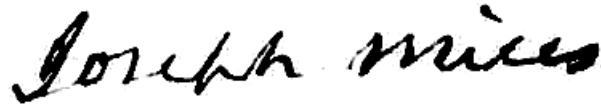
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State of Virginia Albemarle County: SS

Be it known that on this 14th day of April 1842 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Joseph Mills aged eighty-three years and made oath according to law: That he was well acquainted with Wyatt Mills, and he does well know that the said Wyatt Mills enlisted into the regular Army of the United States in the war of the revolution, he was enlisted into the Service by Captain Matthew Jouit [Matthew Jouett was a Captain in the 7th VA Regiment: he died November 15, 1777] & joined the rendezvous at Charlottesville Virginia he is very certain that the term of his enlistment was for the period of three years he cannot now state the day or year when he enlisted but he believes it was early in the war; and he has often heard the said Wyatt Mills state that he was in several engagements and he particularly recollects that he named the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777]; affiant further states that the said Wyatt Mills after having served out the first term of his enlistment, volunteered and joined a troop of Cavalry, that marched from the County of Albemarle and joined the Army under the command of General Lafayette, in this tour of militia duty he served as Cadet, and he believes he served not less than two or three months, he does well know that he was in the service some considerable time, and furnished his own horse

whilst in the service, he does well recollect of hearing the said Wyatt Mills state, that in this last tour of duty he was at the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], affiant further states that the said Wyatt Mills was married to Sally Mills his wife (whose maiden name was Sally Starke) previous to affiant's own marriage and he affiant was married to the best of his recollection in the year of 1788 1789, and that the said Wyatt Mills has been dead 30 odd years and the said Sally Mills still remains his widow.

S/ Joseph Mills

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Mills". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 11: On April 14, 1842 in Albemarle County Virginia, Richard Snow, 88, also gave an affidavit in support of the widow's application but he can give no details regarding the service of the veteran. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 13: Certification that records in Hanover County Virginia contain the following information:
"January 24 1786

These are to certify that I this day joined together in holy matrimony Wyatt Mills Bachelor and Sallie Starke Spinster

S/ John D Blair"

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]