

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Mills W7449

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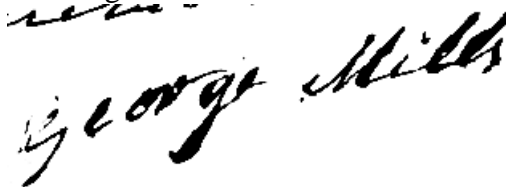
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### Declaration

Virginia Prince William County to wit

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of the County aforesaid George Mills a resident of said County & State, aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration. That he entered the service of the United States in the war of the revolution as a militia man early in the month of September 1777 that he belonged to the Company commanded by Valentine Peyton Captain in the [Regiment] command by Colonel Jesse Ewell; Major James Ewell and that Hugh Breal, John Brett, & John Judges [?] were captains belonging to the Regiment: that he started from Hay Market Prince William County then called the Red house and crossed the Potomac River at Noland's ferry passed through Fredericktown Maryland, York & Lancaster [Pennsylvania] & proceeded on & joined the Army under General Washington on the waters of the Brandywine, at the time the British Army was in Philadelphia, that he was in the neighborhood of Mud Island Ford on the Delaware, that he served three months and was discharged at Valley Forge – and that in 1781 he entered the service again under Colonel Churchwell in Captain Valentine Peyton's Company & served three months, went from Dumfries down to Williamsburg & Hampton, and was in several skirmishes on watch in the Williamsburg and was discharged in Richmond Virginia. That Dennis Ramsay was a Major & William Bent a Captain – and in answer to interrogatories by the Court he says that he was born in Fairfax in September 17[paper damaged on the right margin and text missing] that he was living in Prince William when he [was called into] the service, there was a draft for Militia man & although it was not my turn to go there was 4 or 5 young man who took the place of some [older?] men, Colonel Crawford who was killed by the Indians shortly after the revolution was with us at Valley Forge when we were discharged. And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ George Mills



[p 9: On August 6, 1838 in Prince William County Virginia, Ledalia [sic] Mills, 88, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George Mills, a

revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him on or about the year 1788; that he died May 27, 1838. She signed her application with her mark. The signature line reads "Lydia X Mills, her mark"]

[p 11: partial family register:

"John Dyson Mills some of George Mills and Lydda his wife was born December the 20 Day in the year of 1785

Caty Mills Daughter of George Mills and his wife Lydda was born in 1789 September the 17  
Ann Mills Daughter of George Mills and Lydda his wife was born August the 8 1795"]

[p 16]

I do certify that my sister Lydia, the widow of Obd Cooksey [Obadiah Cooksey], was married to her late husband George Mills, in the year 1783 and her oldest child Dyson Mills by the said George Mills is 55 years of age – and further, that she lived with her husband until his death, within 5 miles of my residence.

Given under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1839

S/ Margaret Mills, X her mark

[attested in Prince William County Virginia March 21, 1839]

[p 26: In an affidavit dated August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1851 given in Prince William County Virginia by John D Mills he states that he is the only surviving child and heir at law of George Mills deceased; that his mother died March 24, 1840 after filing a claim for a pension in 1839 but not having perfected her claim prior to her death.]

[p 13: Power of attorney filed in Prince William County Virginia and dated November 1, 1852 executed by John D Mills a resident of said County on behalf of himself and his sister Ann Woodyard, formerly Ann Mills, as the legal heirs of George and Lydia Mills both deceased



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[p 37: in a document dated June 18, 1853, filed in Prince William County Virginia by John D Mills, 67, he says the only record he has is the family record in his father's handwriting is the only record he has of the marriage of his parents.]

[p 38: Finding by the court of Prince William County on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1853 that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited that George Mills died in said County in 1838 survived by his wife Lydia who died March 20, 1844 leaving 3 children: John D Mills, 67, Caty Russell, 64, and Ann Woodyard, 58.]

[p 35: In an application made under the 1838 act for the pension due his mother, on September 19, 1853 in Washington DC, John D Mills of Prince William County Virginia aged 67 stated that his father died May 27, 1838 and that his mother died March 20, 1844; that his mother's name prior to her marriage was Lydia Calvert; that she was married to his father March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1785 as shown by a leaf cut from the family Bible in his father's handwriting.]

[p 23: In a letter dated December 5, 1853, John Dyson Mills states that his father died May 27, 1838 and that his mother died March 20, 1844.]

[p 30: In an affidavit dated January 10, 1854 given in Washington DC, John D Mills, 68, stated that his mother died in his house March 20, 1844.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.