

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Mills ¹ W9195 Mary Mills f72VA
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Widow's claim for Bounty Land

To be made by the Widow who has never had a Land Warrant.

State of Virginia County of Albemarle

On this 13th day of August A.D. 1857, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace, with in and for the County and State, aforesaid Mrs. ~~Polly~~ Mary Mills aged 76 years, a resident of the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Zachariah Mills deceased, who was a Capt. or Lieut. in the Revolutionary War commanded by Col. Innis (over 14 days) with Great Britain that she was married to the said Zachariah Mills in Albemarle County Virginia on the 6th day of December in the year 1808, that her maiden name was Mary Catling, that her said husband died in the year (1822 in the County of our mall in the State of Virginia) and that she is now a widow. That she has no written Evidence of marriage & death of her husband than refers to a Commission dated 1778 & memorandum book for his Services.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under Act of March third, 1855, never having received or applied for bounty land under this or any other Act of Congress.

She hereby appoints John S. & Ro. H. Gallaher, her attorney to prosecute and received her warrant.

Witness: S/ Saml. G. Burnley

S/ Mary Mills, X her mark

State of Virginia County of Albemarle:

On this 13th day of August 1857 personally appeared before me Samuel G. Burnley a Justice of the peace within & for said County and State Mrs. Mary Mills a resident of the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following statement in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed 3rd February 1853 granting pensions to ¹ widows of persons who served in the Revolutionary War; that she is the widow of Zachariah Mills who was a Lieut. or Capt. in said War in the militia from the County of Albemarle in said State & that he went to the City of Richmond and also to Williamsburg performing services there & at other places in the year 1781 in all so far as she has

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been able to judge about ___ months, that he went in service with Wyatt Mills,² William Cave & Pat Michie & others who have drawn pensions.

That she was married to the said Mills in the County of Albemarle by one Jacob Watts a minister of the Gospel on the six day of December 1808 or 9 that the said Zachariah Mills died in the County of Albemarle in said State on the ___ day of August 1822. That she was not married to him prior to the second of January 1800 but at the time above stated and that she is still his widow.

She hereby constitutes & appoints G W Stevens of Hanover County Virginia her true & lawful attorney with power of substitution to examine all papers in any Department & the file any evidence pertinent to the case & two received a pension certificate in my favor for what time and in what grade his services & Rank [one or more indecipherable words] entitle me as his widow, that she has not received any pension as his widow that she refers to a Commission dated the 3rd day of August 1778 and signed by Patrick Henry as Gov. of the State of Virginia,

She also refers to an old diary or memorandum book used by him in service, and also many memorandum notes &c which are herewith presented; that she has no written evidence in her possession showing the Death or Marriage of them the said Mary Calling [sic] & Z. Mills and refers to the Evidence presented by her attorney.

Witness: S/ Saml. G. Burnley,

S/ Mary Mills, X her mark

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A Copy of a private family Record kept by Mrs. Mary Mills to wit, Mary Catling was Born December the 21st (1781) seventeen eighty-one

[pp 14-26 Pages of the "memorandum book" referred to by the widow: most pages appear to be receipts or accounting entries and recipes for various dishes. Below I've given a transcription of the only page I could read which appears to detail marches made in the line of duty.]

[p 18]

1781 Thurs. 11th Jany. [January] Set out from home on the march of the January Invasion.

Mund. [sic, Monday] 15th abt. 11 Oclock got to Richmd [Richmond]

Wensd. 17th afternoon Set off for WmsBurg [sic, Williamsburg]

Sund. 21st Inst. Mund. 22 afternoon

Set out from WmsBurg marched to

York that night 23 abt. 11 Oclock

Set off from there marched to the

half way House that day & Built

Brush huts & Encamped there till

Thursday night 25 an Alarm abt

3 hours before day paraded at half

W. House Stayed thier [there] till day with

wet feet & wear [were] coll [cold] 26 Marched

our compy [company] to Mallorys abt. 3 ms. [miles] below

² [Wyatt Mills W5381](#)

Camp 27th abt 1 Oclock an
Alarm marched from there
to half Way house. Stayed
there till day & then to the
Bush tents Stayed there a day
or two & then to Wm Robinson's
A Respected Citizen, Stayed
thare [there] 2 Nights, then to the Bush
huts Stayed there till Friday 5th
Feby came that night to York Town
6th Came from there to WmsBurg
& stayed there till Thursday 1st March
Col. Innis called the Capts. together & told
them we were to discharged
from here Sat^y [Saturday?] Following

X

67^w muh [?] my own

17 Mamys [?]

84^w all May 12th 1781

[p 35: Lieutenant's commission dated Augt. 13th 1778 signed by P. Henry, in favor of Zachariah Mills [looks more like Miles] Gent.]

[file contains a number of documents relating to the widow's efforts to have her pension reinstated after the Civil War.]

[Veteran's widow was initially pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum for her husband service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia militia.]
