I do Certify that Zachariah Pigman enlisted as a soldier in the 8th Virginia Regiment in the year 1775 and acted as Sergeant in said Regiment and was taken Prisoner in the fall of seventy-seven by the British and died in Philadelphia Goal in February 1788. Given under my hand in Hampshire County this 3rd day of October 1798

S/ Robt. Higgins Late [Robert Higgins]
Capt. in Said Ridg.

[From Digital Library of Virginia] Hampshire County Legislative Petitions
To the Honoroble the General Assembly of Virginia
The Petition of Mathew Pigman
Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner's brothers Zachariah & Samuel Pigman\(^1\) entered early into the Service of their Country during the late War as Soldiers, one of them having enlisted with Captain Abel Westfall late Captain of the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Bowman and the other under Captain William Vause of the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood. That the said Zachariah Pigman was taken Prisoner and died in Captivity in the Jail of Philadelphia, and the said Samuel died while he was a Soldier at the Valley Forge in the year 1778. That the said Zachariah & Samuel Pigman being thus entitled to pay & depreciation thereon, and the proportion of Land allowed to Soldiers, your Petitioner who is Heir at Law to the said decedents, and who also was several years in the Service of his Country, prays, your Honorable House to admit his Claim for the Wages and Land due the said Zachariah & Samuel Pigman and give your petitioner such relief in the premises as his particular case may seem to merit – And he is in duty bound shall ever pray &c

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\(^1\) VAS1976
S/ Matthew Pigman
October 1791

Auditors Office November 12th 1791

S/ Matthew Pigman

I do Certify that I have searched the Records of this Office and find no settlement in the names of Zachariah Pigman, Samuel Pigman, nor to Matthew Pigman as Heir at Law for those persons.

S/ J. [illegible], C. A. Off. [Clerk Auditors Office]

[Reverse]

Petition of Matthew Pigman
12 November 1791
Referred to Claims
Referred Congress
29 [illegible month abbreviation] 91
Mr. Jackson

I do hereby Certify that Zachariah Pigman Enlisted as a Soldier in the Continental Army in February 1776 and was taken Prisoner by the British and died in February 1778 whilst he was a Prisoner, given under my hand in Hardy County this 8th day of October 1791

S/ Robt Higgins, late [Robert Higgins]
Captain of the 8th Virginia Regiment

The above mentioned Pigman died in Philadelphia Jole [Jail]. R. H.