Virginia documents pertaining to William Purcell VAS4154
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[From rejected claims in the Library of Virginia. The file also includes an illegible statement by William Figg.]

I Alexander C Shackelford [Alexander Shackelford S7506] of King and queen County do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with William Purcell who enlisted in the second state regiment in the revolutionary war in the year 1777. I enlisted in the same year under Capt’n Charles Collier [VASS3068] of the first state regiment. Capt’n Collier resigned and I was put under the Command of Capt’n Abner Crump [R13459]. I marched to the North in the year 1778 and the said Wm. Purcell marched at the same time, and we arrived at Valley Forge on the 29th day of May in the same year. we were at the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] togeather and we Both were discharged in the year 1781 Having served our three years out As Witness my hand and seal this the seventh day of November in the year 1833

Alexander C hisXmark Shackelford

State of Virginia
Gloucester County sc

The deposition of Almon Dunston [W731] of the age seventy years taken before the undersigned John F Scott Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid
The deponent being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with William Pursell he enlisted in the Revolutionary war under Capt Phillip Taliaferro and served under Capt. Machen Boswell [R19364] three years in the state line and second Rigement me now after the war ended we both got our discharge in Williamsburg together and Robert Pursell his Brother is the only heir that I know of who now makes application for compensation and further this deponent saith not [several undeciphered words] hath hereunto subscribed his name

Almon Dunston