Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia document pertaining to Ferguson Hylands VAS1726 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 30 Mar 2015.

[From Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection/ Berkeley County]

Berkeley Sct May Court 1791

Upon the motion of Furgurson Hyland a disabled Soldier of Colo Crockets Redgement of the State Line [sic: Joseph Crockett's Western Battalion, Virginia State Forces] it appearing to the Court that he is incapable of procuring a living by hard Labour occasioned by a Riffles bursting in his hand when upon command and doing duty in the Town of Martinsburg by order of General [Horatio] Gates in persuit of British prisoners who were making their escape. It is therefore ordered that Doctor Robert Henry examine and Report the State and Situation of the said wound

> By the Court Mo's Hunter Cl[erk]

In Obedience to the within order I have Examined the said Ferguson Hyland, and find exclusive of the wound which he has received in his hand a partial dislocation of the wrist and a Considerable decay of Flesh in his arm which I am of Opinion has Rendered him incapable of gaining his living by hard labour May 18th 1791 Robert Henry

The Honorable the General Assembly of Virginia

The Petition of Ferguson Hylands Humbly sheweth,

That your Petitioner having been Disabled in the service of the State from earning a living by Hard Labour, as Certifyed by the Court of Berkeley, which Certificate will accompany the Petition;

your Petitioner Humbly prays that your Honorable House will allow him just a Pension as will enable him to subsist upon or just as has been Customarily Granted in Like cases, & your Petitioner will Ever pray &c. Herguson Hylands

Berkeley County/ Sep'r 26th 1791

We the underwritten subscribers Certify that Ferguson Hylands Late a Soldier in Col. Joseph Crokett Regiment in the service of the State of Virginia, is by a Wound Rec'd whilest in the said Regiment Unable any Longer to get his Living by Hard Labour & possessing no property Do Recommend him as a proper object to the assembly of Virginia for their Patronage & protection September 26th 1791

[signed] Henry Bedinger Joseph Swearingen Smith Slaughter William Spalding

3 Nov'r 1791 Ref'd to Claims Reasonable £10 reported 9th Nov'r 91

[From Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia.]

Berkeley [County VA] Sct April Court 1793

Ordered that the Sheriff do pay unto Ferguson Hiland Ten pounds it being the amount of his pension for the last year agreable to an act of the General Assembly, he having made oath according to Copy [illegible signature] Law.

I do with the advice of Council hereby certify that Ferguson Hyland late a private in the line of this state and disabled in the service thereof is put on the Pension list by virtue of an act of the General Assembly "for allowing pensions to sundry persons therein mentioned," passed the 15th day of December 1791, with an allowance of then pounds yearly, commencing on the day of the passage of said Act.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 16th day of November 1793. Henry Lee

Sam'l Coleman

NOTE: The file contains many documents similar to the next-to-last one above, as well as receipts signed by Hyland with his initials. Payment was ordered in Jefferson County after 1801, the year in which that county was formed from Berkeley County. The last document is an order for payment issued by the February 1806 court.