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Petition relating to Samuel Pigman & Zackariah Pigman¹ VAS1976

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To the Honorable the General Assembly of Virginia

The Petition of Mathew Pigman

Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner's brothers Zachariah & Samuel Pigman 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

S/ Matthew Pigman

October 1791



Auditors Office November 12th 1791

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]

¹ [Zachariah Pigman VAS195](#)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robt Higgins late". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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