

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Plummer VAS217

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] – indexed under the name of George Plummer

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1783, in the name of Robert Plummer, as a Sergeant of Infantry for £66.17.9, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
24 day of January, 1834.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

To his Excellency Littleton W Tazewell Governor of the State of Virginia

The Memorial of Ann Guthrie, John Plummer, Judith Plummer, Frances Plummer children of William Plummer, Robert [name marched through and illegible], Mary Read, Kemp Southcomb, Cary Southcomb and Elizabeth Wilson, who was Elizabeth Southcomb the three last are the children and heirs at law of John Southcomb and Elizabeth his wife who was Elizabeth Plummer sheweth that George Plummer, John Plummer, Armistead Plummer and Robert Plummer all of the regular Army during the Revolutionary war was brothers to the said Ann Guthrie and uncles to your other memorialist[s] none pretend to any knowledge of the services of said regulars except Ann Guthrie who from length of time and age and infirmity can only say that she knows that she knows that all of her above named brothers as well as her brother William who is not named above was in the service but the time of their enlistment, the length of time they served, the Regiment in which the [they] served or whether in infantry [or] Cavalry she does not recollect. They were at the time of their enlistment inhabitants of the Parish of Kingston now a part of the County now Mathews County, she does not recollect [text too faint to discern] or time of the death of any of her said brothers except William he died in the said Parish the others all died [text too faint to discern] John Plummer, Judith Plummer and Frances Plummer [text too faint to discern] are the children of said William Plummer and resided in the County of Mathews Robert [text too faint to discern] and Mary P. Read are the children of John Plummer & Judith Read who was Judith Plummer reside [text too faint to discern] so does the said Kemp Southcomb, Cary Southcomb and Elizabeth Wilson reside in the same City [text at the bottom of the page cut off and not visible] testimony they have been able [remaining text at the bottom of the page cut off and not visible].

Gloucester County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Philip Taliaferro a justice of the peace for the said County Ann Guthrie and made oath that the foregoing memorial contains the truth to the best of her recollection. Given under my hand & seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1835

S/ Philip Taliaferro, JP GC

Mathews County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Wm M. Brownley a justice of the peace for the said County Richard Hurst<sup>1</sup> aged seventy-three years on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March last and made oath that he was well acquainted with George Plummer and knows that he was in the Regular Army during the Revolutionary War but his Regiment or grade he does not recollect but he knows that 5 brothers of them was in the service some in infantry and others in Cavalry but he cannot particularize any except William & John Plummer he recollects they were in Cavalry but whether in Lee's, Baylor's or Nelson's troop he cannot say or the length of the terms of their respective services.

Given under my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1835

S/ Wm M. Brownley, JP

Mathews County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Wm M. Brownley a justice of the peace for the said County Richard Hurst who being sworn as the law directs says that he was acquainted with Robert Plummer and knows that he was in the Regular Army during the revolutionary war, but does not recollect the Regiment he was in or whether infantry, cavalry or artillery the time of his enlistment, the time he enlisted for, or the time he served, he says he is not certain of the year he saw him in service but this affiant was on duty in Williamsburg as a militia soldier, as well as from time he recollect in the year 1777 or 1778 and knows that the said Robert then belonged to the regular Army and that this affiant understood that he marched to the North and he has heard it said that after the he had served that campaign that he served another in the South but of this he has no knowledge further than he was in the service as above stated but whether an officer, noncommissioned officer or private this affiant cannot say. Given under my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1835

S/ Wm M. Brownley

Mathews County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Wm M. Brownley A Justice of the Peace for the Said County Richard Hurst in his 74<sup>th</sup> year and made oath that he was well acquainted with John Plummer and knows that he belonged to the Cavalry during the Revolutionary War but he does not recollect the Corps or his officers his grade or length of service. Given under my hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1835.

S/ Wm M. Brownley

Gloucester County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Robert C Curtis a justice of the peace for the said

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S9593

County Almond Dunston<sup>2</sup> and being sworn according to law saith that he was acquainted with George Plummer, Armistead Plummer, Robert Plummer, William Plummer and John Plummer and as well as he recollects they were in the Regular Army during the Revolutionary War but from length of time he cannot say in what Regiments they respectively served but he believes that Robert, William and Armistead served in the second Virginia Regiment commanded at times by Colonel William Brent and Lieutenant Colonel Charles Dabney and according to the best of his recollection that they enlisted in the latter part of the year 1776 or in the early part of 1777 and that the said Regiments marched to the North in the year 1778 and remained there about two years having been kept in this state about twelve months and that they served three years and was discharged about the last of the year 1780 or the first of the year 1781 he is also impressed with a belief that John Plummer was one of those that was massacred in a Barn belonging to Colonel Baylor's Troop of Light Dragoons he is certain that after he entered the service that he never returned home, the other all died in Mathews except George he does not know where he died or does he recollect the time of the death of any of them. Given under my hand & seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1835

S/ R. C. Curtis, JP

Gloucester County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Robert C Curtis a justice of the peace for the said County Almond Dunston and after being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with George Plummer, Armistead Plummer, Robert Plummer, William Plummer and John Plummer and as well as he recollects they were in the Regular Army during the Revolutionary War, but from length of time he is unable to say in what Regiments they Respectively served but according to the best of his recollection, Robert, William and Armistead served in the second Virginia Regiment commanded at times by Colonel William Brent and Lieutenant [Colonel] Charles Dabney and that they enlisted in the latter part of the year 1776 or the early part of the year 1777 and that the said Regiment remained in Virginia until the early part of the year 1778 at which time it marched to the North where he remained about two years and that the said Robert, William and Armistead served three years and was discharged about the last of the year 1780 or the early part of the year 1781 he believes that John Plummer served in Colonel Baylor's Troop of Light Dragoons and was one of those that was massacred in a Barn of this he may be mistaken but he is certain that after he went into service he has not returned home all of the aforesaid Plumbers died in the County of Mathews (except George and John), George moved to North Carolina and where he died he does not know or has he any knowledge of the time of the death of either of them. Given under my hand & seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1835

S/ R. C. Curtis, JP

Mathews County to wit

This day personally appeared before me William M. Brownley a justice of the peace for the said County William Diggs Senior<sup>3</sup> who will be seventy-five years of age on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December next and being sworn on the holy evangelists of Almighty God deposeth that he was intimately acquainted with George Plummer, Armistead Plummer, John Plummer, William Plummer, Kemp Plummer, Robert Plummer, Churchill Plummer and Thomas Plummer and well recollects that George, Armistead, John, William, Kemp, and Robert were all in the regular Army

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<sup>2</sup> [Almon Dunston W731](#)

<sup>3</sup> FPA S8327

during the Revolutionary War but he does not recollect that any of the others were in that service or the regiments in which they respectively served or the length of time they served he recollects they all returned but John he does not recollect whether he did or not whether Churchill or Thomas were in service they were all brothers. Kemp Plummer interlined. Given under my hand & seal this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1835

S/ Wm M. Brownley, JP

Mathews County to wit

This day personally appeared before William Brownley a justice of the peace in the said County William Diggs Senior who states that he has his register and that he was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1760 which makes him seventy-five years of age on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December next and he was acquainted with George Plummer, Armistead Plummer, John Plummer, William Plummer, Kemp Plummer, Robert Plummer, Churchill Plummer & Thomas Plummer and recollects that the said George, Armistead, John, William, Kemp & Robert was in the regular Army during the Revolutionary War but from length of time he does not recollect whether they enlisted in infantry, Cavalry or Artillery, or whether they was officers noncommissioned officers or soldiers the time that they enlisted the length of the time they respective serve or the time they returned, but he recollects to have seen them all since except John he does not recollect whether he did return are not whether Churchill or Thomas entered that service or not. Given under my hand this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1835. Kemp Plummer interlined above.

S/ Wm M. Brownley, JP

Mathews County to wit

This day personally appeared before me William M Brownley a justice of the peace for the said County William Diggs Senior in his seventy fifth year and made oath that he was acquainted with George Plummer, Armistead Plummer, John Plummer, William Plummer, Kemp Plummer, Robert Plummer, Churchill Plummer, & Thomas Plummer and knows that the said George, Armistead, John, William, Kemp and Robert was in the regular Army during the Revolutionary War but at this time he does not recollect the Regiments in which they respectively enlisted or whether in infantry Cavalry or Artillery the time of their enlisting or the length of time they served recollects that all of them returned to this County, then Kingston Parish a part of Gloucester County except John Plummer he does not recollect whether he returned or not or whether the said Churchill or the said Thomas was in that service or not. Given under my hand and seal the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1835. Kemp Plummer interlined.

S/ Wm M Brownley, JP.

Report on the Claims of the heirs of John Plummer, a Sergeant of Cavalry, in the Continental line – George Plummer, Sergeant of Infantry – Continental line – Armistead Plummer, soldier of Infantry – Continental line – Robert Plummer, Sergeant of Infantry – State line – & William Plummer Sergeant Continental line, for bounty land for their services

To the Governor  
Sir,

The names of all these Soldiers are owned the Army Register except that of William Plummer. They received certificates for the balance of their full pay &c due to them for services rendered in the Capacities above specified, in the caption of this Report (see auditor's Certificates.)

The witnesses, whose affidavits are relied upon by the claimants, to prove their title to bounty land, state – That George, Armistead, Robert, William & John Plummer were in the regular Army during the Revolutionary war – that said Robert, William and Armistead enlisted late in 1776 or early in 1777, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> State Regiment & marched to the North in 1778 – that they served until the last of 1780 or the first of 1781, having [the bottom portion of the image of this document is cut off at this point]

do not know, for what term these soldiers enlisted, or how long they served – (see the affidavits of Almond Dunston, Richard Hurst and William Diggs)

It appears from the records of the land office, that William Plummer – Sergeant of the Continental line has received 200 acres of land for his services: and that Armistead Plummer soldier in the Continental line has received 200 acres of land, for his services – I have no additional facts to report.

Respectfully submitted  
John H Smith, Comr. &c [Commissioner]  
August 22, 1835

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[from a second 8-page file]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1783, in the name of William Plummer, as a Sergeant of Cavalry for £125.8.2, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
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I Henry Buchanan<sup>4</sup> formerly of Gloucester, but now of this County of York in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with William Plummer, who resided in that part of Gloucester which, by a subsequent division of the County, is now called Mathews: The said William Plummer was a Sergeant in Captain Baylor Hill's Company of cavalry, attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment, in Continental establishment: I was attached to that Regiment myself under the command of Captain John Hughes, having been enlisted in July 1778 by Captain Anderson Lewis, a recruiting officer of Bland's [Theodorick Bland's] Regiment, for the purpose of filling up the vacancy occasioned by the withdrawal of the 5<sup>th</sup> troop by Major Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee]. In August 1778 I marched from Petersburg to the North where I found the said William Plummer in active service. He went out in the year 1777 with the 6<sup>th</sup> troop of the first Regiment: in December 1778 the whole of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment to which both Plummer & myself were attached, returned to Winchester in this State: sometime in the spring following perhaps in the month of March, we marched through Fredericksburg to the South, and

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<sup>4</sup> [Henry Buchanan S37807](#)

were in service together through the whole southern campaign. We were in winter quarters together at Augusta in Georgia, at Savannah, at the battles of Camden & the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]: shortly after which battle, I was sent with a detachment of about 100 men as a guard over the prisoners to Staunton: where I left the Regiment after the battle of the Cowpens & left the said William Plummer in service as a Sergeant and did not see him again until after his discharge, which took place sometime in February 1781: I think the said William Plummer had been in service in the North about twelve months when I reached that station. I [the bottom portion of the image of this document is cut off at this point] where I lived till December 1782 when I removed to this, the County of York, where I have resided ever since. As witness my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1833.

S/ Henry Buchanan



I Certify that I was well acquainted with William Plumer [sic] who was Sergeant in a troop of Cavalry commanded by Captain John Heughes [sic] as well as I recollect and in the revolutionary war he served 3 years in succession and he was Honorably Discharged. As witness my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December in the year 1832

S/ Almon Dunston



I William Figg of Gloucester County do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with William Plummer formerly of this County: the part of the County in which he resided lies since the division of the County then called Mathews: The said William Plummer entered the service of the Revolutionary War in the year 1776 or 77 as a Sergeant in Captain Baylor Hill's Company of Cavalry, attached to the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment: I seen him frequently in the troops in York and Lancaster – no after his enlistment soon after which, he marched to the North where he remained in service, as I have always understood and believed he did, for three or four years: I know he was gone a long time, and am sure it must have been at least that space of time that he was absent from the County. I and knew him well, and do not recollect meeting with are seeing him after the time he marched to the North till after the siege of York. Witness my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833.

S/ Wm Figg, X his mark

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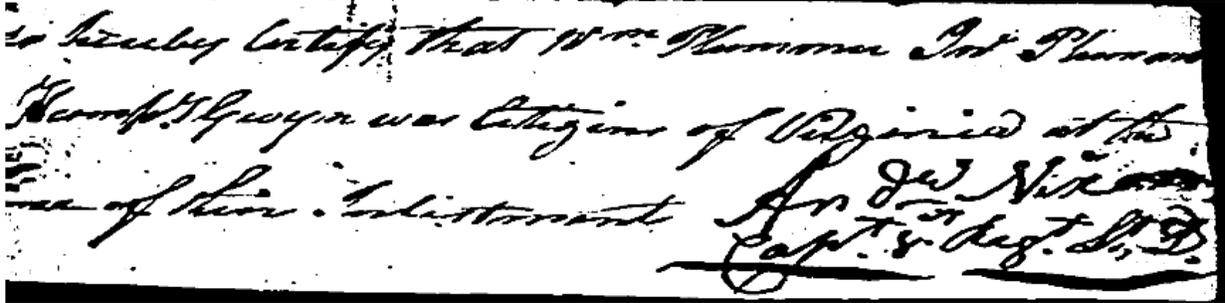
[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certifie that William Plummer enlisted as a Sergeant in Colonel Bland's Regiment of L. Dragoons the one June 1776 to serve until 31 December 1779 which time he served as a good & faithful Soldier. Given under my hand the 21<sup>st</sup> August 1783

S/Addison Lewis, Captain L D

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do hereby Certify that Wm Plummer, Jno Plummer,  
Kemp & George was Citizens of Virginia at the  
ime [time] of their Enlistment

S/ Andw Nixon [Andrew Nixon]  
Capt. 8<sup>th</sup> Regt. L. D.



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