Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Wills VAS2662

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[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

Henry Pruton [sic: Henry Pruden VAS293] being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of God saith that some time in the year 1776 he enlisted as a sargent in Capt. Henry Pitts company of the fifteenth Virginia continental regiment for three years & that Thos. Wills was then a Lieutenant in that company & that some time after the said Thomas Wills was appointed to the command of the said company, Capt Pitt resigning, & that he the said Deponant served his time of three years that the said Capt. Thomas Wills was at the time of his leaving the service in commission. Henry Pruden

Sworn & subscribed before/ me the 30 day of December

1799 Em'l Wills

Samuel Murphry being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of God saith that some time in the year 1776 he enlisted as a soldier in Capt. Henry Pitts company of the 15 Virginia continental regiment for three years and that Thomas Wills was then a Lieutenant in the company & some time after Capt Pitt resigned & the said Thomas Wills was appointed to the command of the said company & that he the said Deponant served his time out, & the said Thos. Wills was then a Captain in the said regiment Sworn & subscribed before/ me the 30 day of December

Samuel his Xmark Muphry

1799 Em'l Wills

Sir, It is alledged by the Gentleman from whom the enclosed papers have been received that unless the Representatives of Capt. Thomas Wills receive the bounty in land to which their father was entitled upon the said papers there is no prospect of their obtaining it at all. The papers go to shew that the Gentleman was in service three years but do not shew how or when he left the service which is deemed an essential requisite to obtaining the land. It is now certified by Mr. Jas. Johnson the Delegate from that County that Capt. Wills left the service in Credit.

I do certify that Captain Thomas Wills left the service in Credit. Given under my hand this 11th day of January 1800.

Jas. Johnson [James Johnson]

I Alb. Jones [Albridgton Jones BLWt359-200] of Southampton County Va. do certify that Thos. Wills d'd was a Captain in the fifteenth Virginia regiments on Continental establishment in the revolutionary war & that served as a Captain for three years with reputation, & left the service so.

Test A. Jones

Mat Calvert Lieut & adj[utan]t 15th Va. Reg't

Feb 22nd 1801