Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Cellers (Sellers) VAS2942 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 22 April 2021.

[From rejected claims in the Library of Virginia indexed as Cellers, William.]

Mathews County Court May 1818

William Cellers appeared before the Court and made oath that he enlisted in the Revolutionary war in Captain Bernards [Peter Bernard (Barnard, Barnett) R19356] Company as a Soldier about the year 1776 in the second Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Brent [William Brent VAS2639] upon Continental Establishment [sic: state establishment] for the term of three years and that regularly served out his said term and was duly discharged and Fredericksburg which discharge has since been lost or mislaid so that he cannot now produce it to the Court, and that his sole [undeciphered word] for the support of himself and family is from his own personal labour and that from his advanced stage of life and reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support which is ordered to be certified by this Court.

A Copy Teste/ S. G. Miller

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 22d day of October 1783, in the name of William Cellers as a Soldier of Infantry for £55.14.11, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to [undeciphered name] and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 23d day of January 1834. [undeciphered] Smith Clk/ Acting AUDITOR.

I Elizabeth Parrot of the County of Mathews and State of Virginia do hereby certify [undeciphered word] that I was well acquainted with William Cellers formerly of the part of Gloucester County called Kingston Parish now constituting Mathews County. The said William Cellers did enlist under captain Peter Barnet for three years in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six or seventeen hundred and seventy seven but do not recollect whether in State or Continental line But I recollect well he marched away from the County and did not return untill the end of the war. As witness my hand & seal this the first day of March AD one thousand eight hundred and thirty four Elizabeth herXmark [illegible]

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia indexed as Sellers, William.]

The deposition of William Diggs [William Digges S8327] who says he is 75 years of age. I William Diggs of the County of Mathews and state of virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with William Sellers or Cellers of the County of Mathews and State of virginia that said William Sellers or Cellers enlisted in the year 1776 for a term of three years under Capt Peter Bernard and marched from this County to the north and served at least three years Given under my hand and seal this 21st day of July in the year 1835.

William Degges

To The Honorable Littleton Waller Tazewell

Governor of Virginia

the memorial of Mary Cellers of the county of Mathews and State of virginia She is the Child and only heir of Wm Sellers that she claims to be entitled to Bounty Land in right of said William Sellers that said

William Sellers was a resident of Kingston Parish then a Part of Gloucester now constituting Mathews County that during the Revolutionary war in the year 1776 or 77 he enlisted under Captain Peter Bernard or Barnett as a soldier in the Countanental Line for a tearm of three years which tearm he faithfully served out and was duly discharged as we allwais understood and believed.

Your memoriallests varily believes that Wm. Sellers never received the Land Bounty to which he was intitled and pray that their Claim to the same may be agreed into by your Honour I testimoney of the foregoing facts she have hereunto subscribed her name this 18th day of July in the year 1835 test/ James Mathews Mary herXmark Sellers