

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Theophilus Field R60

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[The following is in the file of Benjamin Rudd, pension application W5756.]

November 19, 1779.

Wanted for the use of the boat Liberty 15 days rations of rum for the following men viz –

Edward Bulley	John Rudd
Jesse Taylor	Ben Rudd
John Bullie	William Moore
Thomas Bullie	Thos. Smith
James Walker	Thom. Dykes
Henry Curtis	John Reed
John Bullie	William Morgan
William Johnston	Able Dod
Mathew Lewis [possibly Matthew Lewis W7909]	Samuel Temple
James Brice	
John Almond	Theophilus Field

Sir, Issue liquor to these men for fifteen days.

The Commissary of stores. Jas. Jones Wm. Nelson Jas Baron

Rec'd 26th November 1779 of Wm. Armistead esq'r. eight gallons & $\frac{3}{4}$ of rum or 20 __ the for the within 20 men, for fifteen days [3.73 oz per man per day] Theophilus Field

The above is truly copied from 2nd Vol of papers concerning the State Navy.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 14th day of Sept'r. 1850.

Alllen W. Morton 1 [illegible] acting in the absence of the Auditor.

Pension Office May 24, 1838

I certify that I have examined the claim of Mrs. Margaret B. May, daughter and heir of the late Theophilus Field, dec'd. who was a Lieutenant in the Navy in the State of Virginia during the revolutionary war; that he continued in the service to the end of the war; that he died in 1789, between the 28th of June and 28th of Sept. of that year; that the case is embraced by the provision of the act of the 5 of July 1832, entitled "an act to provide for the liquidation and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia;" that the claim should therefore be allowed at the rate of one hundred and eighty two dollars and fifty cents per annum from the twenty second of April seventeen hundred and eighty three, when the war terminated, to the twenty eighth of June seventeen hundred and eighty nine, when he died; and that the amount is payable to John F. May, Esquire, of Virginia, the administrator, who is now present.

Approved

acting Secretary of War

Commiss'r. of Pensions

NOTE:

"Officers of the Dragon, not long after she went into service were.... Later, Samuel Eskridge, Edward Eskridge, and James Tutt were midshipmen, and Theophilus Field was Lt., on the Dragon." Stewart, R. A. *The History of Virginia's Navy of the Revolution*.

Correspondence in the file indicates that Virginia did not pay the pension until 1847, because Field was supernumerary at the end of the war. The case appears to have been resolved by a four-page list of other supernumerary officers who were awarded bounty land. One letter is by Th. H. Bayly, son-in-law of "Judge May," presumably John H. May.