Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia document pertaining to William Hill VAS1778

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Amherst County, Sc

On the 13th of Oct'r. 1791 William Hill came before me a Magistrate for the above County and made oath that on the nineteenth of May 1787 between Richmond & Westham he lost certificates, which he had obtained by purchase to the following amount, to wit, a State Military certificate issued to John Bartlett for one hundred and two pounds, also a Commutation Certificate of twenty four pounds issued to the same person, a State Military Certificate of thirty six pounds issued to George Fitzgerald, another of about seventeen pounds 8/4d issued to Daniel Tyler & another of about eighteen pounds 8/4 issued to Ozborn Coffee [Osbourn Coffey (Coffee), pension application W8612] (the three last persons inhabitants of Amherst County) and that he has used every means in his power to recover them but without effect. Given under my hand on the above date.

It appears from the Continental Register in this Office that a Certificate issued in the name of John Bartlett for one hundred & two pounds 3/10 for pay & Dep[reciatio]n also one in the name of Geo. Fitzgerald for Thirty six pounds, also to Daniel Tyler for seventeen pounds 8/4 & one to Ozborn Coffee for Eighteen pounds 15/4

P. Claybon[?] Clk
Aud'rs Officer 15 Nov. 1791

To the Honble the Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

The Petition of William Hill – Humbly Sheweth – That your Petitioner in the year 1787 on his return home from Richmond lost near Westham his Pocket Book containing sundry Certificates agreeable to Oath taken, and that he has pursued every Measure in his power to recover them without effect, having advertized them for many weeks on the Public Gazette and lodged with the Auditor a particular discussion of them so as to detect the person or persons who should produce them for the purpose of drawing the Interest, that from the examination and from the examination of his Books, it appears that no such certificates have been offer'd for the aforesaid purpose since the time of their being lost – Your Petitioner therefore prays, that your Honble Body will take his case under consideration & pass an act authorising him to receive Duplicates in lieu thereof upon his giving Bond and good security to endemnify the State from all Damages & your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

10 Oct'r. 1792 props[?]/ reasonable

NOTE: William Hill, the petitioner, may not have been a soldier.