

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Davidson VAS3274
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Charlotte Ct. House
June 13th 1837

Sir [Wm. H. Richardson esq/ Secretary of the Com[monweal]th: Richmond],

Yours of the 11th April last, informing me that the Claim of the Heir of William Davidson for Land Bounty, was allowed by the Executive “for three years service”, has been received. By reference to the Memorial &c you will find that the Heir claimed under two enlistments; first for “three years” service, and last, “for and during the war”. I presume, the evidence in regard to the last enlistment, was not entirely satisfactory to the Executive, or they would have allowed that also.

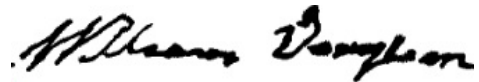
In order to satisfy the Executive on that score, an additional certificate has been obtained, which you will find herewith enclosed. I presume, the Executive will always re-consider a case, upon the introduction of new testimony, discovered after the hearing or tryal of the cases. It was not known to the Heir at law, or myself, that any farther evidence could be obtained, untill after the papers were filed in the Executive Department, and acted upon by the same.

Under the circumstances, I hope the Executive will receive the additional testimony, and re-consider the case. You will, therefore, be pleased to present the same for consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully/ Your Ob’t. Ser’t &c
Wm J. B. Bedford/ Atty for Heir &c

Virginia – Charlotte County to wit:

This day [8 June 1837], William Vaughan [S14754] came before me a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith: that he has a distinct recollection of William Davidson, late of Prince Edward County, in the revolutionary war: that the said Davidson first enlisted under Capt Cunningham, for three years, in the continental line, which three years he served faithfully and was honorably discharged; that the said Davidson on his return home, enlisted the second timne in 1780 to serve “for and during the war,” under Col Washington [Lt. Col. William Washington], and marched to the South: in an engagement, near Charleston, S. Carolina, he was taken prisoner by the enemy and he never saw him afterwards. He states the above as coming within his own personal knowledge. This deponent farther states, that he has been credibly informed by soldiers who were with the said Davidson, that shortly after his release as prisoner, he died whilst on his return home. And farther, this deponent saith not.



1837 June 29th Rejected/ D. Campbell [David Campbell, Governor]