Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant of William Davies BLWt597-500 VA
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[The federal file contains no original document. The following are from bounty-warrant files in the Library of Virginia. One online image from the state file is illegible.]

To his Excellency David Campbell Governor of Virginia [8 Nov 1838]

The Petition of F. Whittle [Fortescue Whittle] and Mary Ann his wife late Mary A. Davies who was the only child of William Davies dec'd formerly Colonel in the virginia Continental line in the Revolutionary War respectfully represents – that the said William Davies enter'd the service in the Virginia Continental line in September 1775 and served faithfully therein until October 1783 – That he was a resident of the town of Blandford in the state of virginia when he enter'd the said service – That bounty land was allow'd him for his services, in 1784, amounting to 77772/3^{rds} acres, which quantity of land was allow'd for a service of seven years – That the said Col. William Davies was justly entitled to bounty land for a service of eight years and one month, as will satisfactorily appear to your Excellency, reference being had to the original List of members of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of Virginia, in which it appears that the services of the said officer commenced in Sept 1775 and terminated Oct. 1783.

Your Petitioners further represent to your Excellency that the said William Davies died in the year 1805, without having receiv'd any bounty land for his services, except as herein before stated – That your Petitioner F. Whittle married the only child of the said Wm. Davies sometime in the year 1804, and his said Wife is the only heir of the said Davies dec'd.

Your Petitioners humbly pray that your Excellency will take into consideration their claim for additional bounty land for the services of the said William Davies [two illegible words] and order a warrant to be issued for the same, and they will ever pray &c &c

Extract

from the list of members of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of Virginia. This Document is in the possession of John G. Mosby Capt.[?] and will be exhibited by him to the Executive, if requir'd. It is not, at present, subject to my control. J H Smith [attorney for the petitioners]

Time of service

Names Rank as an officer Residence William Davies Colo. From Sept 1775 Blandford town

to October 1783

[Accounts and other documents pertaining to William Davies are in the <u>Library of Virginia Legislative</u> <u>Petitions Digital Collection</u> misfiled with papers pertaining to William Davis, pension application W284. The following are the only significant documents in the collection.]

At a Court held for Norfolk County the 21st August 1777

The Court agreeable to the act of assembly took into consideration the several claims of the wives, children and aged parents of the following poor Soldiers and do appoint the allawances to be

made them follows viz:
In Capt. Wm. Davis's Company
Jeremiah Mathews a Soldier formerly his wife Catharine Matthews and one child at 6½d [pence] pr day each.

Copy Teste Wm H Wilson
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William Davis of Isle of Wight County was a Captain in the Virginia Line from September 1775 to 1780 – See sundry extracts herewith filed – 1^{st} an Extract from the Accounts of the Committee of Safety marked $A-2^{nd}$ an extract from the records of Norfolk County Court both of which shew that he was a Captain and another Extract from an old Ledger in the Auditor's Office shews that he was a Colonel in 1780 – being in service full five years which entitles his heirs to the bounty of a Colonel for three years service