Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Piles S35563 Transcribed by Will Graves f27VA 10/24/12

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Montgomery Circuit April Term 1818

Ordered that it be certified to the Department of War that satisfactory proof is made to the Court on the oath of William Piles that he enlisted in the Service of the United States in March 1776 under Captain Nathaniel Cock [Nathaniel Cocke] and was afterwards transferred to the command of Captain Mosely [William Mosely] both of whom were of the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel McClannahan [Alexander McClanachan], and continued until the year 1781 when he was honorably discharged by Colonel Davis [sic probably William Davies] who was then in the regular service of the United States, that his discharge is lost – that he is extremely poor and indigent, and that he has lived for upwards of twenty years upon the bounty and charity of his fellow Citizens, that he never had a pension granted him, but now as one of his Government to support him.

In testimony whereof I Micajah Harrison Clerk of the Court of the Circuit aforesaid have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my office this 3^{rd} day of December 1818 and in the 27^{th} year of the Commonwealth.

S/M. Harrison

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 3rd, 1818, for service as a private for 5 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

[Note: The following documents probably relate to the same veteran]

27 August 1787

To the keeper of the land office Sir please let Anthony Hundley have my Land warrant that is due me by serving in the Continental service.

William Piles

S/ William Piles

I hereby Certify that William Piles a Soldier in the 5th Virginia Regiment has served the term of his Enlistment, and is hereby discharged from the Army of the United States – given under my hand at Chesterfield C. House this 11th day of September 1780

S/ William Davies, Col. Comdt.

I certify that William Piles enlisted with me sometime in February 1776 S/ Tarpley White 1

Copies from originals in my office

August 34 1787 S/ [indecipherable signature]

¹ This MAY be the same man as **Tarpley White R18959**