Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Nimrod Perkins S5904 VA
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At a Court held for Accomack County in the State of Virginia on the 20th day of July 1832. Nimrod Perkins this day personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832 Viz "On this 31st day of July 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Accomack, State of Virginia Nimrod Perkins a resident of the County of Accomack & State of Virginia aged Seventy two years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he enlisted as Drummer on board the Diligence Gally, in the service of Virginia in the Revolutionary war in 1777 & continued on board until she was laid up 1781 & that he was in board & in the service more than three years, that when he entered Johannas Watson [sic: Johannes Watson] was Captain, Richard Parker [pension application R81] was 1st Lieutenant & Jesse Cannon [R19] 2nd Lieutenant, that he was born in the County of Accomack, was a resident in that county when he was enlisted & when discharged & never has been a Resident of any other County, that he has received a Virginia Military Land warrant for one Hundred acres, & scrip for the same, for the said service. And he doth hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state – Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Nimrod hisXmark Perkins

[The following is from bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia:]

I do hereby certify that Nimrod Perkins (b.m.) [see endnote] served as a drummer on board the arm vessell belonging to the Virginia State Navy during the revolutionary war called the "Accomack" at least three years, whilst the same was under the command of Captain [William] Underhill. I had two brothers in the state navy which circumstance caused me to go frequently on board that vessell where I saw Nimrod Perkins in the capacity of a drummer. Given under my hand this 1st of July 1830 Zadock hisXmark Bayly [Zadock Bailey VAS931]

NOTE: "b.m." probably stands for "black man."