

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Rignal Hillary (Hillery) BLWt1659-200  
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Prince Georges County Maryland SS

This day Joseph Cross personally appeared before me the undersigned justice of the peace in & for Prince Georges county and state of Maryland and made oath that he was personally acquainted with Rignal Hillary decd and knows that he entered the Revolutionary Army of the united states in the year 1776 and obtained a commission in 1777 and served till the end of the war as a Lieutenant in the company commanded by Capt. James Gray of the first Regiment of Infantry of Maryland troops on the continental establishment which Regiment was commanded by Col Lieutenant [sic: Lieutenant Colonel] John Steward. Said Rignal Hillary died in the year 1783 at Annapolis on his way home after the army of the South was discharged. Sworn to before the undersigned this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1830.

District of Columbia                    }  
County of Washington SS.            }

I, Elizabeth Magruder heir at law of Lieut Rignal Hillery do, upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that Lieut Rignal Hillery did enlist in 1776, for the term of during the war, and served in the regiment No. One under the command of Colonel John Stone of the Maryland line; and that he continued in the service aforesaid until the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Aug't 1783.

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for bounty land promised to Lieut Rignal Hillery on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever: therefore,

Know all men by these presents, that I, Elizabeth Magruder aforesaid, to hereby constitute and appoint Rignal Magruder to be my true and lawful attorney...

NOTE: A document entitled "Arrangement of the Maryland Line" lists a Rignal Hillary as a Captain in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maryland Regiment on 15 Jul 1779.