

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Barnett Jeffries (Jeffreys) VAS1158

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Petition for bounty land

Barnett Jeffries – Ensign C. L.

This officer's name has not been found on the Army Register, or on any of the Rolls of Officers &c

Alexander C. Shackelford, a credible witness says that Ensign Jeffries was in service in the war of the Revolution for three years in the 2nd Virginia Regiment.

This is the whole of the evidence which is respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c.

May 24th, 1834


To his Excellency Governor Tazewell

N. B. There is a statement in Shackelford's affidavit that Abraham Jeffries served as a private 3 years in the 2nd Virginia Regiment during the Revolution: but I do not perceive that bounty land is claimed for his services.

At a Quarterly Court held for King in Queen County at the Courthouse on Monday the 11th of March 1833

I Alexander C Shackelford¹ of the County of King in Queen and State of Virginia being an old soldier of the Revolutionary War do hereby certify that Barnett Jeffries late of the County and State aforesaid was an Ensign in the Revolutionary War attached to the 2nd Virginia Regiment of State Troops under Captain John Gardner and served for 3 years and that Abraham Jeffries brother of Barnett Jeffries served as a private in the same Regiment and company for a like term of 3 years and at the same time, that [indecipherable word] said Barnett and Abraham served their Country faithfully and truly in their respective stations. That I was well acquainted with both of them and served with them during their whole term of service. I do further certify that after the resignation of Captain Gardner which took place previous to the marching of the said Regiment to the South, Captain Thomas Armistead succeeded to the command of the Company to which the said Barnett and Abram Jeffries belonged. Given under my hand this 11th day of March 1833

S/ Alexander C Shackelford



¹ presumably the same man as [Alexander Shackelford S7506](#)

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Portsmouth City Legislative Papers

To the Honorable the Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates
The Petition of Barnett Jeffreys Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner very readily Joined the light horse under General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] last May when the Enemy landed at Portsmouth & your Petitioner was ordered by General Nelson to equip himself at his own Expense in the best manner he could & your Petitioner at that time was obliged to Borrow a Horse of Mr. Richard Booker as he had none fit for that service of his own at that Present. And on his way to York to join General Nelson after he had equipped himself, the said Horse very suddenly died on the road for which said horse Mr. Booker charged your Petitioner the sum of three hundred pounds your Petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable House will take his case under your consideration and allow him for the said Horse & your Petitioner will Ever pray &c

S/ Barnett Jeffreys²



[Reverse]

Jeffereys [sic] Pet.
November 10th, 1779
Referred to Trade
Rejected
The Horse being over strained [?]
Died immediately
Reported

Genl. Nelson

² It is not clear that this is the actual signature of the petitioner. The handwriting of the signature appears to me to be the same as the handwriting in the body of the petition itself. Consequently, the handwriting of the signature may have been that of the scribe of the document.