

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Mourning Jeffries VAS1159

vsl 9VA

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 3rd day of June 1783, in the name of Mourning Jeffries, as a Soldier of Artillery for £80.16.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to James Roane and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
20th day of August 1835.

S/ Adams Smith, 1st Clk.
Acting AUDITOR

Petition for bounty land

Mourning Jeffries – Soldier &c

The evidence offered in support of this claim is as follows –

John Croxton, a credible witness says that Mourning Jeffries enlisted in 1777 in the revolutionary Army for "three years["] – that he was Fife-Major – that before his term of enlistment expired, he reenlisted for the war; and served to the end of it.

Spencer Clark, a credible witness, says that Mourning Jeffries enlisted early in the Revolutionary war – that he belonged to the artillery & was gunner in Gibson's Regiment (as the witness believes) – and that he certainly served more than 3 years.

Respectfully submitted
John H Smith, Commissioner &c
May 24, 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Tazewell

N. B. Morning Jeffries name is on the Army register. He received a Certificate for £80.16 – the balance of his full pay.

[p 3: the petition of the alleged heirs of the veteran signed by James Jones, Elizabeth Greenwood and Polly Jeffries]

The affidavit of Spencer Clarke¹ of Middlesex County and State of Virginia aged seventy

This affiant being duly sworn according to law states upon oath that he was well acquainted with Mourning Jeffries (of King & Queen County) that the said Jeffries was a regular soldier in the revolutionary war, he enlisted sometime in the regular service before I did how long I cannot say but when I marched to South Carolina and joined the main Army 1781 under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] there met with said Jeffries he belonged to the artillery and was gunner, I don't at this time recollect the Captain he was under, I am fully satisfied that the said Jeffries served more than three years, The day I joined the main Army at Cheraw Hills I dined with said Jeffries, which brings him to my recollection being and old acquaintance and further this affiant saith not. Sworn to and subscribed this 9th day of April 1834

S/ Spencer Clarke



The affidavit of Carter Croxton² of the County of Essex and State of Virginia aged seventy-three years

This affiant being duly sworn according to law states upon oath that he was well acquainted with Mourning Jeffries who was a resident of King & Queen County as well as he the now recollects, that the said Jeffries was a regular enlisted soldier in the revolutionary War that he entered the service about the same time I did which was in 1777 the said Jeffries was fife major in the same brigade I was in he enlisted for three years and before the term of his enlistment was out he reenlisted for the war and served to the end of the war as well as my memory serves me and further this affiant saith not. Sworn and subscribed the 18th day of March 1834

S/ Carter Croxton Senior



Affidavit of Spencer Clarke of Middlesex County and State of Virginia aged seventy

This affiant being duly sworn according to law states upon oath that he was well acquainted with Mourning Jeffries (of King & Queen County) that said Jeffries enlisted in the revolutionary [war] several years before I did, I enlisted in the year 1780 and marched to South Carolina and joined the main Army under the command of General Green at Cheraw Hills where I met with said Jeffries he the said Jeffries belonged to the artillery and was gunner in Gibson's Regiment as well as I now remember, Gibson was Captain of the company. I know that Jeffries served more than 3 years and further this affiant saith not. Sworn to and subscribed this 9th day of April 1834

S/ Spencer Clarke

The affidavit of Bartlett Brizendine³ aged 74 years a revolutionary Soldier, & being first duly sworn according to law says upon his oath that he was well acquainted with Mourning Jeffries

¹ [Spencer Clark \(Clarke\) W2529](#)

² [Carter Croxton S9250](#)

³ [Bartlett Brizendine R1225](#)

that the said Jeffries was a regular soldier in the revolution, that he enlisted in the first instance and went to the North, He then reenlisted for the war as well as my memory serves me whether the said Jeffries enlisted for a term of years in the first Instance and then reenlisted for the war I don't recollect positively but I well recollect that he enlisted and went to the North and continued until the end of the war for I was with him in the Army under General Green to the South and he either enlisted in the first Instance for the war or he reenlisted and served to the end of the war.

S/ Bartlett Brizendine, X his mark

[attested in Essex County Virginia June 15, 1835]