

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Thomas Harding VAS1392

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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 Continental 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 4th day of November 1783, in the name of Thomas Harding, as a Sergeant of Infantry for £75.12.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
5th day of February 1842.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

It appears that Thomas Harding a Sergeant of the Continental Line has not received Land Bounty
S/ S. H. Parker Register Land Office

State of Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit:

I John Crafton do hereby Certify that I was intimately acquainted with Thomas Harding deceased, late of Lunenburg County, in the War of the Revolution. According to my best recollection at this time, he served a long while in the Revolutionary War; but how long altogether, I am unable to state. I know the facts, he enlisted under Captain Cunningham [perhaps William Cunningham] for three years and was made a Sergeant in the Company, and served the term faithfully; for I was present at time of enlistment and saw him return after his time was out. I did not know the Regiment, but believe it was first Virginia Regiment on Continental line, commanded by Colonel Parker and General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] – said Thomas Harding is now dead.

S/ John Crafton

[Attested in Lunenburg County June 8, 1840]

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Memorial of the Heirs and legal representatives of Thomas Harding, deceased, late of the County of Lunenburg Virginia, who was a Sergeant in the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution: respectfully sheweth:

That the said Thomas Harding in the year 1777 enlisted under Captain Cunningham for

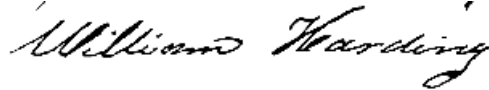
the term of three years, and was attached to the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker –

The said Thomas Harding, as Sergeant, to which rank he was promoted shortly after enlistment, served the full period for which he enlisted, and was regularly discharged from service. All of which will more readily appear by reference to the Army Register of the Continental line, and the accompanying certificates of old and respectable soldiers who served with him at the time –

Your memorialist further state, that said Thomas Harding in his lifetime never applied for or obtained the Land Bounty promised by the State of Virginia to her Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line; nor since his death, have the said heirs applied for, or obtained, the same –

Your memorialist therefore hereby pray that your Excellency will grant them the usual gratuity of land, allowed to a Sergeant of the Virginia Continental line for the service of 3 years, pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such case made and provided, – and as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

S/ William Harding

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Harding". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ William Harding".

[Attested in Lunenburg County March 9, 1840]