

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia Bounty-Land Claim of Jacob Winfree VAS1734
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[From [Revolutionary bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Henrico County To Wit.

Before me a Magistrate for the said County, personally appeared in the County aforesaid, Alexander Childers [sic: Alexander Childress, pension application W10604] a soldier of the Revolution who made Oath in due form of law That he knew Captain Jacob Winfree formerly of the County of Powhatan or Cumberland. That the said Winfree at an early period of the Revolution entered into the Continental service of his country as a Captain of Infantry, and recruited a Company of men, which he marched to the South, perhaps South Carolina or George, and what became of him afterward he does not know: whether he was killed, died in service or whether he served to the end of the war, said Childers does not know but believes Captain Winfree has been dead for many years. Given under my hand this 28th day of November 1833 Jno. G. Mosby (JP)

Powhatan County, Virginia – The affidavit of Wade Mosby [W3856] the elder before me a Justice of the peace for said County saith – That he is 73 years old. That he knew many of the officers of the Revolutionary army and among them Jacob Winfrey. that in the year 1777 or 1778 the said Winfrey marched with his brothers John [John Mosby VAS362] and Littleberry Mosby [BLWt64-300] to Georgia – and was, at that time either a Lieut. or Captain -but rather thinks he was a Captain – that he believes he served to the end of the War or died in the service. He does not think he ever resigned, for his pay as an officer was his principal support – and he believes if he had resigned he should have known it, as a near relation of the said Winfrey married a sister of this affiant. Given under my hand and seal this 26th May 1834. Sam'l. Drake JP

City of Richmond towit:

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in & for the City aforesaid Anselm Baily [Ansolem Bailey S37702] who being first duly sworn deposes that he was in the Revolutionary War for three years; that he resided in the County of Cumberland State of Virg'a when Jacob Winfree recruited a Company of Infantry for the Virginia Continental Line; that he said Winfree acted as the Captain of the said Company & marched that company to the South, to Georgia or Carolina & that the said Jacob Winfree was killed in Battle at Guildford Court House [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] while commanding his company in that action. That he the said Baily well remembers that Jacob Winfree recruited his Company in 1776 or 1777 & that he was a brave officer.

The said Baily further deposes that he is himself a Pensioner for his services in the Revolution. Given under my hand this 16th day of May 1834 Nath'l. Charter J.P.

I do hereby certify that I knew Mr. Anslom Bailey some ten or fifteen years before his death & believed him to be a man of veracity. I had frequent conversations with him upon the subject of the revolutionary war & although he was an extremely illiterate man and could have obtained no information from history, yet his relation & statements of facts & incidents well authenticated by the history of the times, was such, that no one as illiterate as he was could have made the same unless an eye witness to the scenes he related. I also certify that in his life time he exhibited to me the certificates of some of the officers of the revolution (the late Major James Gibbon among them) testifying to his merit as a soldier in that war.

Joseph Mays/ April 13th 1838.