

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to George Pickering and Spencer Haynie VAS184

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

Northampton County Court 11th of June 1838

It appears to the satisfaction of the court by the testimony of witnesses sworn and examined in open court that George Pickering who was the grandfather on the father's side of Mottrom Pickering enlisted under Captain James Crane as a soldier in the American revolutionary war at Northumberland courthouse in the state of Virginia in the year 1779. That he was mustered at the said Courthouse in Crane's Company and went off in said company. – That he enlisted for three years, but it was found before the said Pickering returned that said Pickering served out his time of three years & returned to his native place the said County of Northumberland where he resided until he died in the year 1789, and that the said Mottrom Pickering is the only surviving heir of the said George Pickering

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S/ M. B. Crane, CC

To the Executive of Virginia

Your petitioner Mottrom Pickering of the County of Northumberland grandson & only surviving heir of George Pickering & Spencer Haynie hereby sheweth –

That the said George Pickering & Spencer Haynie enlisted in the company commanded by Captain James Craine of the Virginia Continental line in the war of the American Revolution, that they enlisted at an early period of the war for three years & that they served upwards of three years in the said War – At this late date it is difficult to prove facts that were notorious in former days and this is the first & only application that your petitioner has ever made for any bounty in the land on account of his grand Fathers military services the said George Pickering & Spencer Haynie it is hoped that the evidence & vouchers accompanying this petition will be deemed sufficient & he will ever pray &c

S/ Mottrom Pickering, X his mark

[Attested 13 September 1838 by D. Cox, JP]